

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021

The March meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on March 11, 2021, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. Ken Connelly Class of 1959 (baseball/basketball player) was a new attendee. He is a member of the scholarship committee.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy made a motion to accept the approved February minutes. John Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes. Ken Connelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop presented the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$25,966.62. There is \$2.19 showing on the report but is not subtracted. This is from the formula last month not working correctly and does not affect this month's balance. We received money from the Brandon Farrow team for the golf tournament and received money from Cindy Klassen for the brick fundraiser. Judy Phillip's brick money has been deposited as well as the Fry scholarship money. All the scholarships have been awarded since we last met. We have \$23,390.52 that is available. Lucy Bottorf made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Barney Ottinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Covid-19: Schools are operating in Phase 3, with all in person students attending on campus 5 days per week. All individuals on campus are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing.

Central's current enrollment remains at 775. Approximately 500 students continue at home learning this term and the other students are scheduled for in person learning. During all in-person learning we are serving approximately 275 students in person.

Academics: Student Success Labs launched after school Tue-Thurs 2:30 – 4:30

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor Athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the winter sports season. Restrictions have been revised for game attendance. Max capacity in our gym is 20% or 200 total. Current conditions allow for open ticket sales.

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor Athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the spring sports season. Schedules are posted on the school web site chs.hcde.org

Many updates to our website including a tab for incoming freshmen to select classes now

Wrestling update: 1st girl from CHS to medal at state wrestling tournament this year

Baseball: 1st home game on Tue vs. Hixson

Softball: Monday at home

Track: 1st game coming up soon

Soccer: Boys soccer 22nd

Tennis: coming soon

Arts: Breanna Long 10th grade was selected in the EPB Electrical Box Contest and her artwork will be displayed on electrical boxes downtown.

JROTC: 2 Boys and 3 girls will be attending Boys/Girls state virtually this year

Band and Voices of Central did a phenomenal job putting on a concert Tuesday night.

Sarah Katheron Latham was awarded Ruriteen of the Year by Harrison Ruritan Club on behalf of our Ruritan division

CHS Ruritan Club donated food for a full week to two families in need

CHS Ruritan Club donated a toiletry closet to a local elementary school in need for homeless/transient students

Mr. Dawson awarded a \$2500 grant from TVA to teach how electricity flows and real world skills

12 new Promethean boards purchased to update our technology

Quarter 3 ends March 12

Final Benchmark test will begin given next week, March 18 – 26

April 1 Academic Awards Day 9th -10th grades @ 8:00, 11th -12th @ 9:00

April 29 JROTC Awards 1:00

Spring Break April 2 – 11

May 14 Senior Day 9:30 Class Night 6:30

EOC test are scheduled for May 6-13

May 15 Prom

May 18 Graduation 7:00 p.m. (football stadium)

Central Digest won 1st place recognition.

Sarah Katheron is again a Carson Scholar this year. Riley Martin is also a Carson Scholar again.

Ken congratulated Mr. I on holding everything together under the circumstances of the last 12 months. Everyone in the group agreed that Mr. I has done a fantastic job.

Student Officer's Report

Sarah Katheron said the Digest team was excited about their honor and had a celebration. They are ready to move forward and begin covering more events. The Ruriteen Club packed hygiene items for students at Barger Elementary.

Old Business

Lucy reported for the scholarship committee. They are meeting Monday morning to go over the application that the students have already filled out and have to have submitted by March 15th. Katheron Latham asked for Lucy to clear up some criteria for the Fry scholarship. Buffy stated that the Fry's have created their own application. Charlene Fry said they wanted to be cooperative and that the committee does a great job. She said from experience the Fine Arts teachers themselves are able to determine the possibilities of certain students in the arts and with certain requirements in mind they would be given to an outstanding student. She stated they do want to be a part of the alumni scholarship process.

Tara explained that the Frizzell scholarship works in conjunction with the scholarship committee but does have different parameters so therefore the money is awarded through the alumni association and not the Community Foundation. Ken said the committee encourages the donors to give guidance on how they would like the scholarship to be handled, requirements etc. Lucy explained that over the last few years the application had become very confusing. The application, thanks to Buffy, has been revamped. She said there are a few of the scholarships that aren't being funded enough. She stated we needed to get this taken care of in the coming year.

Barney restated that the Fry scholarship should stay as it is with their requirements in place and the teachers choosing scholarship recipients. Katheron stated she only asked because they had received no direction on this process from Mrs. Alexander and as teachers they need direction as to what they need to do. Buffy spoke and said that as an alumni association and scholarship committee's role with the Fry scholarships was to oversee the financials and ensure the money is dispersed. She said part of the revamping of the scholarship application is a meeting she has with the Community Foundation on the 26th. Buffy said she and Barney made a few changes to the application this year to keep the process moving. She said there would be more changes in the application and who has authority to make approvals. She said Mrs. Alexander would have some input but the majority would be back with the alumni association. Tara said this doesn't apply to the Fry scholarship and Buffy agreed. Tara said she had

personally spoken with Buffy and was displeased with some overreach by Mrs. Alexander and she feels like it is being handled. She thinks this is where part of the confusion has come in. Tara said that Katheron should feel welcome to go ahead and work with the Frys on the scholarship. Katheron stated she just wanted to know what to do and when to do it. Barney said the Fry's should continue to talk with the teachers to decide who receives the scholarships. Mrs. Fry said that yes, she agreed with this.

Lucy said that sometimes a person would qualify for the Fine Arts scholarship when looking through the applications. Mrs. Fry said she doesn't want a Fine Arts scholarship to be jeopardized from receiving other scholarships. Barney said this hasn't come up in the past and it wouldn't in the future. Katheron agreed that a student should be capable of receiving more than one scholarship. Ken and Barney agreed to keep doing things the way they have in the past.

Tara asked if they had looked, in the past, at some who received a scholarship and really didn't have a need. Lucy and the others said they really didn't look at that. Buffy said the scholarship criteria was changed in 2016. She said we are reinserting the financial need this year. Lucy said she understood what Tara was saying and would not deny a student a scholarship just because they might have received a full ride. Tara said her question was that if they do have a full ride they have to have special permission to buy something else, like a computer. Lucy said last year someone wanted to buy a car and they could not do this. Barney said there was a specific interest in the needs of students in the beginning and they have now moved to looking more at SATs and ACTs as well as their essays and what they expressed. Also, is the student going to the school the scholarship was designed for. In the past few years the need aspect wasn't involved. Tara stated she was glad the need aspect was being added back. Lucy explained the process she goes through to decide if the student qualifies. Buffy explained that every scholarship, except the Mackey scholarship required a G.P.A. of 3.0.

Buffy said the committee, at the end of April, will be scouring the application thoroughly to make sure we are meeting our legal requirements. Lucy said there has never been a question of anything being done illegal. Buffy agreed that nothing illegal has been done but because of the way the application was changed and consolidated it wasn't approved by the Foundation in 2016. Barney explained that we weren't meeting exactly what the Foundation required and illegal wasn't really the correct term to use. The committee will be meeting and looking over the applications they receive in order to award this year's scholarship winners.

Lucy asked the Frys if she could make a contribution to the Fry scholarship in memory of a passed classmate's sister. The Fry's agreed this would be okay and a nice contribution. Tara will add it to the total of their scholarship. The scholarship committee will have more information after they meet in April. Buffy will meet with the Foundation on April 26th and is waiting to hear back from Jerry Summers who will meet with her.

Barney said the DAHOF committee met via email and affirmed the 2 candidates for this year's class. Denny Hammill and James Shroptine would be the nominees for the year 2021. Barney

made a motion to accept the 2021 nominees for DAHOF. Buffy moved to accept and Ken seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Buffy reminded everyone that these two individuals are being added to the 5 nominees from 2020. Three of these are deceased and one is 104 years old. There are 3 that they are hopeful will be able to attend. She has spoken with Mr. I and the 3 inductees will accept their award and the others will have a short bio read. She doesn't think J.B. Collins will be able to join due to his age. Mrs. Fry, Cecil Stokes and Dr. Doug Williams are the three who they hope will be available to join the induction ceremony. Mr. I is trying to help everyone stay on time because of restraints due to social distancing and the gym set up. Each inductee will have around five minutes each. There is a total of 20 minutes for the entire DAHOF induction ceremony.

John Crawford asked when this was taking place. She stated May 14th. Tara said she feels if the 104 year old, J.B. Collins wanted to attend; he needed to be able to do so. Buffy agreed and Lucy said a family member could represent him. Tara stated she thought we were doing the SHOF and the DAHOF at the same time. Buffy said originally that was the plan but due to the restrictions we would have to wait and work on the SHOF in the Fall. John asked if the plan was to induct the class of 2020 and 2021 at the same time in the Fall. Buffy said this was the plan. He is concerned about the health of one of the parents that would attend. Buffy said she understood this but we didn't have a choice because of the restrictions.

Buffy asked Tara for an update on the brick fundraiser. Tara stated people were still buying bricks. She asked everyone to go online and share on their class pages. She also said the Seniors needed to be sent out information because this could be a potential chance for more purchases. Lucy said she and Laurie had been working on all the email blasts to go out. Mr. I said we could send out the information to the Senior parents and Lucy asked for that information. Preston Fore and Lucy were working on getting this set up with Mr. I. Mr. I said the list was ready to go. Tara will get with Preston and ask him to get the information to Mr. I.

Buffy said she had messages from 2 people wanting information and feels the fundraiser is really picking up. She hopes we can fill the front area up first and then move on to the agora. Mr. I said some of the staff was interested too and feels it is picking up momentum. Ken wants information on how to contribute as well. Sara Katheron wrote an article in the Digest and all the information is in the article. Lucy said it is also on the new alumni website.

Barney asked Mr. I to talk about the meeting they previously had. Mr. I met with Barney and Pryor Bacon yesterday. He is very interested in supporting the work at Central. Mr. I believes he will be an asset. He can help take care of the actual work that goes into getting the bricks put in. Buffy asked if he could get the blank bricks and Barney said he feels he can. Mrs. Fry asked what was being done with the original bricks. Buffy said that they originally wanted to insert the bricks from Dodds Ave. but they are afraid they wouldn't last now in the weather. They are looking at bricks that resemble the original. Tara asked about the aesthetics of mixing the brick color and Buffy said there weren't many but you would be able to tell the bricks were from Dodds Ave. This will be looked at further in the near future. There are 15 original bricks

the library has possession of and a few others also have bricks. There are possibly a total of 2 dozen original bricks. Right now we are concentrating on the Hwy 58 bricks. Mrs. Fry said it would be a shame not to use them in some way. Buffy reminded everyone that the press box and concession stand was built with them. Tara said we just needed to make sure we looked at whether or not it would look good and we might need them to be put in a special place. Lucy reminded everyone that we were trying to bring the Dodds Ave and the Hwy 58 together.

Buffy said 1 female and 3 male wrestlers medaled in the state tournament. She asked to buy them jackets, as we have done in the past, for these wrestlers. It will be approximately \$50 each. Ken made a motion to approve and Tara seconded. The notion passed.

Tara asked about the billboard for this year's Senior class and Buffy said that is on the to do list. This will be brought to the alumni at the next meeting.

New Business

Buffy stated that we had awarded the basketball team \$500 based on their initiative that they were already fundraising and doing well. They were really excited about it. The softball team is now doing a fundraiser and needs \$500 to complete their season expenses. She asked the alumni association to approve this. Tara reminded her that the check had already been sent. Lucy reminded her that as president she had some discretion and had already had it approved with the board. Buffy said she didn't realize this was the way it worked. Barney said he seconded the motion. Buffy rescinded the motion and said thank you!

John asked Lucy to send out an email blast explaining that the SHOF 2020 and 2021 class would be inducted in the Fall. He will get with Mr. I and Coach Jones on a date. He will also send out a letter to the inductees. Buffy asked Lucy to work with her on getting something out stating the date of the ceremony will be determined. Buffy asked if the committee had met on the 2021 selections. John stated they had not met.

Miscellaneous

Lucy thanked everyone at Central for praying for her, calling her etc. during her illness.

Tara let her know we love her and that she was thankful the Lord answered prayer.

Katheron said that during their concert one of the piano students gave her first performance. It was the inaugural performance of one of the piano students. She said it was wonderful!

Buffy texted Tara and had lost the connection. Tara asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katheron seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Next alumni meeting on April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

Ken Connelly

John Crawford

Admiral Vance Fry

Charlene Fry

Naomi Hay

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Tara Waldrop