

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

The March meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on March 10, 2022 in the library and online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order at 6:04. New attendees were Phil and Trudy Crow, Nikki Broussard and Melisa Hoesman.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked for a motion to accept the approved February minutes. Tara Waldrop made a motion to accept the approved February minutes. Katheron Latham seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara gave the treasurer's report. Deposits this month were for the brick fundraiser. Total deposits were \$1,100.00. Total debits were \$1,239.48. Total balance is \$31,077.73. \$2,100.00 is the total balance for scholarships. This gives us a total available balance of \$28,977.73. There is an issue with our tax exempt status and we are in the process of working on that. This should be taken care of by the next meeting. John Crawford made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Katheron seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Central's current enrollment stands at 750. We are currently working with approximately 160 seniors in the class of 2022. Individual meetings are being held with seniors that may have a graduation concern regarding credits.

Sophie Harrington, Madison Jenkins and Janetth Colunga each have a 3-dimensional piece of art that was chosen to be shown in Association of Visual Arts "Off The Wall Exhibit". The exhibit is open to the public March 4-April 15.

JROTC Air-Rifle Marksmanship team brought home another trophy for a 2nd place finish in the Eastern TN Marksmanship Champion's competition.

Our JROTC Academic Team qualified for the 2022 Army JROTC National Academic Championship hosted in Washington DC in June. Central's program is one of only 3 in the state and 1 of only 32 in the US to qualify. We have 4 students going.

3 members of the basketball team were named to the All District Team for the season: Matthew Sharpe, Kelsean Patillo, and Allisa Walton

2 students placed in the Regional Wrestling Tournament: Randall Gray and Noah Pinion

Khloi Sandidge and Erickson Frias-Cryz each won the EPB ArtSpark contest and their designs will be displayed on electrical boxes downtown

5 students: Erickson and Edickson Frias-Cruz, Robert Farr, Hannah Farmer and Madelyn Little were selected to participate in the All-County Band this year. Madelyn tried out on the Tenor Sax and was the top scoring Tenor Sax of the entire audition.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, Feb 17

Spring Pep Rally was held February 18

The College Fair was a big success on February 25. Over 30 vendors were present and numerous comments were made about the caliber of our students.

ACT for the junior class successfully given on March 1

Student course selection for next school year is currently underway as are final benchmark testing for the term. EOC testing is scheduled for mid-April.

Seniors must have all course work completed and requirements met by May 6 to participate in the graduation ceremony on May 17.

Prom is scheduled for May 14, tickets are on sale now (need to sell 100 tickets in order to host the prom).

The JROTC annual Military Ball was held on March 4 and was successful evening at an amazing venue

CHS hosted a 2-day Literacy Lab for CHS and OHS teachers on March 8 and 9.

Annual student Talent show is scheduled for tomorrow March 11

Signing day for 4 cheerleaders receiving full ride academic scholarship to TSU will be March 18, Madison Jenkins, Chloe Barbee, Kelcey Brooks, Janna Walker (This date will change)

No school for students on Monday March 21. It is a professional development day for teachers

Brown Middle and Hunter Middle 8th graders will visit on our campus on March 22 and 23 respectively

Report Cards will be available for families to view on March 25

Cheerleading tryouts for the 22-23 team will be held the last week of March

JROTC annual inspection is scheduled for March 31

Academic Awards and JROTC Awards Day is scheduled for April 8 at 9:00 and 1:00 respectively

Spring Break April 11-15

Barney Ottinger asked about time for the program for Senior Night and Mr. I said they were looking at 2 hours.

Lucy Bottorff asked how much the prom tickets were and Mr. I said \$50 each or \$100 for a couple. She said that some of the alumni might want to contribute if they are close but haven't reached their goal. Mr. I said he would be able to report more on ticket sales at the next meeting.

Tara asked if Mr. I would send out an email to let everyone know where they are on ticket sales. He assured the group that he would.

Student Officer's Report

Katheron gave the report for Sarah Katheron's report. The CDC prom had a few attendees but they enjoyed it. Zaxby's donated food, Food City donated balloons and Mrs. Hay donated cupcakes. There were several volunteers and it was a great time. Olivia ? & Sarah Katheron Latham will be going to SCOPE at Belmont University to represent Central. It's sponsored by the Tennessee School Board Association. The talent show is tomorrow with a variety of students and talents that will be represented.

Old Business

Barney reported for the DAHOF committee. There will be five inductees presented and there will be more than enough time for this per Barney's phone call to Mr. I earlier in the day. Forms were distributed to the group of each of the nominees. Barney read each nominee's name and a highlight of their accomplishments. He made a motion for the nominees to be accepted. Buffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Buffy asked if Barney would make the notifications and they agreed that the president is the one who makes the phone call. Tara asked if we were allowing the nominees to speak and Barney said that yes, but they needed to have a certain amount of time to speak. The deceased nominees will be able to have a family member speak.

Barney stated that as an organization we need to keep everyone informed and we should keep our feelings in check when things didn't go our way or when our suggestions weren't used etc. He said we should realize we are doing good things and move on.

Tara reported that the bricks did come in, 49 total. They are in the library for the time being to raise interest. Buffy suggested we needed to start looking at the possibility of getting some of them installed. Barney is texting someone to get this done. Tara and Buffy are working on a database of brick donors and sending letters with a photocopy of their brick. Tara suggested

posting on social media some of the bricks already purchased to increase interest. There was a \$1000 order received for 1 brick that came in and it was for a classmate that was MIA in Vietnam whose remains were found in 2016 and returned who now is laid to rest in the National Cemetery. The money was to go for scholarships. It was suggested that with the amount of money given we should have a brick made for the donor. Buffy is going to give the information on all the bricks, but especially this brick, to the Central Digest.

Lucy reported for the scholarship committee. Mrs. Alexander printed 50 applications and 47 have been given out. The committee is working on how to handle giving the scholarships with the time constraints and will speak with Mr. I. She will report back at the next meeting. Applications are due on the 15th. Tara reported that her class will be presenting the Frizzell scholarship again this year. Mrs. Frizzell recently passed away but there will be a representative from their class to present the scholarship.

Lucy asked about the students that were late getting the information to us. There has been discussion about this and she feels we need to have a solid requirement for this. We are past Covid-19 exemptions and as a group we need to make a decision on how we are going to handle this. James Walker said the same thing happened with another scholarship for the particular student they were discussing. As an association we need to decide how long we are going to allow students to wait to use scholarships. James made a motion that students need to be enrolled in school by 16 months after high school graduation. There was a lot of discussion. It was discussed that an exception would be made for those going into the military. Buffy amended Jame's motion. If they graduate in May 2022, they would have until the first of September of 2023. Lucy stated that only if we get the information from their college/university. James amended the motion that all scholarship recipients must claim their scholarship within 16 months of graduation from Central High School. There was more discussion. John suggested that we review what is in our Greater Chattanooga Community Foundation contracts and table the motion until there is further discussion to make sure we aren't interfering with our agreement with them. Lucy will take care of this by the next meeting.

New Business

Mrs. Hoesman, the art teacher, introduced herself to the group and gave a background of her career and spoke of her family history. She brought a piece of her artwork to share with the group. She reported that the kiln is very old and they need a replacement. A new one will cost approximately \$4,200. The total of what they need is \$5,500 for everything involved. She is asking for \$2,500. John asked if the county would be responsible for the installation etc. Mr. I said that yes, they would be. Tara recommended that they look also at other grants, etc. like the EPB grant. They have some money in their account and have applied for various grants. Buffy stated that her family will give \$500. Tara made a motion to donate \$2000 to give to the art department for the kiln project. James Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Positivity Club Sponsor, Nikki Broussard, gave a presentation on the activities her and her students have been involved in. These activities were solely the students' ideas. Their goal is to add positivity and school culture. They are excited about t-shirts that they have designed and

want to purchase. They have accomplished many things and have set goals to accomplish more in the future. They really want to go to prom and they want chalk to add positive chalk art and possibly a mural to the school. They want to have a selfie walk and decorate the pods. They have many ideas. They need a budget to get a color printer and just have basic supplies for their projects. The art department has collaborated with them on projects as well. There are currently 30 students in the club, mostly 9th graders. They want everyone to know that Central is a place to be proud of. Tara asked if there was a specific request and she said they would be grateful for anything. John made a motion to give the Positivity Club \$750. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Phil and Judy Crow spoke about the organization they are involved with, D-9. They have a daughter who attends Central. They want to be involved and get other parents involved and excited about Central. They want to help raise funds for the school and help the teachers have the resources they need. They want to come on board with the alumni and also get a PTA possibly started. They want to be involved in any way they can. They love Central High School! They want to get ambassadors going out to the middle schools and get them excited about coming to OUR school!

Miscellaneous

Barney text Mr. Bacon who is going to do the brick work for us. He is ready to get started on the project.

Barney suggested we pay the Digest or a Club to do a biographical sketch of each member of the DAHOF and the SHOF. This would give us a pamphlet, something to read, about the people who are hanging on the wall. James suggested we have a QR code and Tara stated this was a great idea as well. Barney said we needed to find someone to head this up at the school and Buffy suggested the history teacher. She is going to talk with him. James suggested having Mr. I see if there is any interest at the next faculty meeting.

John made a motion for the next meeting to be April 21st and Tara seconded. Motion passed.

Next alumni meeting is on April 21st at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and there will be a Zoom link for those that cannot attend in person.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

Nikki Broussard

John Crawford

Phil Crow

Judy Crow

Melisa Hoesman

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Tara Waldrop

James Walker