

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

The March meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on March 9, 2023 in the library. James Walker called the meeting to order at 6:03. New attendees were Seth Young, SR Class Treasurer and Christian Rubio, JR Class President.

Acceptance of Minutes

John Crawford made a motion to accept the February minutes with the spelling corrections Katheron Latham suggested. Judy Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. She indicated that the report says the \$500 Girls State donation stated that it is for 2 girls but it is only for 1. There is a total balance of \$21,681.65 and a total available balance of \$20,031.65. John made a motion to accept the report and Naomi Hay seconded the motion. The motion passed to accept the report as presented. James Walker indicated that Buffy Hoge had put him in touch with a representative from the % '72 and they would like to donate funds and momentos (ceramic mugs) to the Alumni Association. These were left over from their 50th reunion. James has been in contact with Stanley Hanes regarding this. He is unsure of how much money they are donating Tara suggested, depending on how much it is, that with part of it we purchase a brick for their class since we really need more bricks.

Principal's Report

Current enrollment: 734; Senior Class 190. Projected enrollment for school year '23-'24 is 740. Staffing model was based on projected enrollment

Staffing meetings continue with the district with a new base and supplemental model plan: Central has 6 confirmed retirements at this point.

Supplemental funds will allow us to add an assistant principal position and a Dean of Students for the 9th grade. The 9th grade Dean will also support the Freshman Academy. We will continue to use Title 1 funds to keep a 3rd school counselor for the school year '23-'24. All core positions can be maintained under the new staffing model with the exception of some positions vacated by retirements.

Work sessions on the master schedule continue to occur including meetings with district personnel.

Lights for the Track & Field area have been delivered and installation continues to be delayed by weather/wet ground conditions.

Our basketball team finished 1st in the district and played one round in regional play.

Spring sports are underway.

Benchmark testing is complete and we are waiting for scores.

Events:

Juniors took the ACT March 9

JROTC inspections on March 23

8th grade Open House (rising freshmen)

New date for Talent Show is now March 28

Academic Awards Day March 31

Alumni Meeting April 13 at 6:00

Next SLT meeting April 12

Spring Choral Concert at Bayside April 27 at 6:30

Spring Blood Drive April 28

Prom is April 29

Seniors: all work complete by May 5th for graduation

Senior Day May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Class Night May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Celebration Picnic May 12

Graduation practice May 18 at Chattanooga Convention Center 12:00 p.m.

Graduation May 19 at Chattanooga Convention Center 7:30 p.m.; Faculty will meet early TBD

Tara asked Mr. I about the installation of the kiln in the Art room. They are still waiting for it to be installed. It was delivered in August. James is going to reach out to superintendent Robert Sharpe to check on the status of getting the kiln installed.

The bleachers from Tyner that were going to be used at Central can't be used because of the flooring and the cost would be too great to adjust our flooring. We are back to square one in the need for bleachers.

Katheron Latham noted that the CDC Prom is tonight at 6:00 in the cafeteria

James asked about the Site Leadership team that Buffy attends on the Alumni Association's behalf. Mr. I said it was a stakeholders position for the community. Tara asked if this is a voting position and Mr. I stated that it was.

James noted that he likes the Freshman Academy. He asked about open seats. Mr. I indicated they do have open seating for out of zone students. The process is that they apply to the Future Ready INstitute. Between the 9th and 10th grades there are approximately 100 seats.

Student Officer's Report

Seth Young, SR Treasurer stated there isn't a lot going on. They have only had 1 meeting as senior officers. The President has indicated they will need to do something for Senior Night but nothing set in stone at this point. Christian Rubio, JR President expressed he was glad to be here. He said nothing new was going on. He really wants to do everything he can to help CHS continue to be a National School of Excellence. He stated he wasn't sure how the plans for Prom were going. Sarah Katheron Latham indicated the sponsor was really excited about the DJ. Mr. I shared the prom is at the Car Barn. He was unsure how many tickets had been sold at this time but indicated since it is at the end of April, ticket sales wouldn't really begin until April. Sarah Katheron invited everyone to come to the CDC Prom tonight.

Old Business

Barney Ottinger reported that the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame (DAHOF) committee has the 8 nominations. The next step is Barney will ask the committee to email him their top picks. Then a telephone meeting will take place to make final decisions. Barney asked Mr. I how much time we had so we could determine how many we can induct. Mr. I said they are more open than in the past because this will be done at Class Night. BARney indicated this was a really good list of nominations and laughingly said maybe we should do all 8. Several people stated that this was a lot to sit through. Katheron asked what happens if all are not inducted. She wondered if other nominees were considered at a later date. Barney shared that they are all relooked at each year. May 11th is Class Night where these will be presented. Tara shared she will be out of town and unable to attend.

Barney reported that we just received a letter in response to his December letter to the IRS. We were given a person's name and number to contact. This was a real positive step. The letter indicated that a final decision about our IRS status had not been reached. This was more of an administrative decision. The form was not filled out correctly by the tax provider who assisted with this. Barney said the guy spent about 35 minutes with him on the phone and was extremely helpful. He advised him to properly fill out the form. He will be able to file the short form and he will work on getting that completed next Wednesday. He does believe this is the answer and feels we could see our status reinstated by the middle of the summer in his best estimation. Tara asked Barney about filing our 2022 taxes. He does not believe they have to be filed but is going to check to be sure.

Lucy was not able to join the meeting since a Zoom link was not provided for this meeting so there was no official report for the scholarship committee. Mr. I has been making announcements about the scholarships and the deadline. He said he has been told there has been a good response so far. James indicated he would have the zoom account set up by the next meeting and we would be able to zoom moving forward. James stated that once the application deadline happens the committee will receive and distribute the applications to the committee under Lucy Bottorf's leadership.

Tara asked to bring up one piece of old business so we keep it on our radar. She asked about the golf tournament discount and James stated he has checked with Greg Vital but has not heard back from him yet. Judy Phillips indicated she is involved with another organization that has a golf tournament and they go through Esther Helton-Haynes, another State Representative to ask for the discount. She indicated that she responds immediately with the information they need. James stated he would get in touch with her about this.

New Business

Sarah Katheron reported that they had received great donations for the CDC Prom:

1. Chattanooga Funeral Home Florist (Valley View)
2. Zaxby's (Ooltewah & Hwy 58)
3. Food City Harrison (50 balloons)
4. McKinley Bacon's mom was able to get a photo booth (CHS alumni own it)
5. Tyler Guidry % '19 gave them a great break on his DJ services (he is a MTSU Auto Engineering student (sound, audio, DJ))

Mrs. Hay asked if they needed further financial help with the event and Sarah Katheron stated that the Ruriteens are using Volunteer Electric grant money to help with this event. She shared that this does take away money from the beautification project funds.

The beautification project is being funded with grant money and the National Honor Society was able to raise \$200. The idea is to plant some perennials that will come back year after year. Ooltewah Nursery will give a discount and a scoop of free mulch. Barney made a motion that the Alumni Association donate \$300 to the Ruriteens to help with this project. Tara seconded. The motion passed. Tara gave check 1490 to Sarah Katheron made out to Central High School.

Miscellaneous

Katheron shared that the CHS Band and Brown Middle School Band would be having a joint concert at Bayside Baptist on May 9th.

James shared that the Central Baseball Invitational is on March 29th and ends April 1st. There is a great number of teams, some from other states, that are playing. Coach Carter was able to get something in place to help the wind screen for the field. The field has also been laser graded.

James shared the 21st Connie Hay Golf Classic Tournament will take place on June 17th at Bear Trace. This tournament supports the football team. Gary Woodall works with Mrs. Hay on this tournament.

Katheron shared that Serve Day at Bayside Baptist is on April 23rd. The projects Mr. Lewis gave Katheron were all outside and she really needs some inside projects as well. She shared there are some ladies who are not physically able to do the outside work but really want to serve at Central. She asked about the storage closet being cleaned and organized and Mr. Lewis loved this idea. Katheron also shared that the last Serve Day people who didn't sign up to serve just showed up at Central because they were alumni and only wanted to serve there!

Barney asked John for an update on getting more spots for the Hall of Fame pictures. John shared he had texted Steve Lewis on Monday and had not heard back from him. He shared prior to this, due to schedule conflicts, they had not been able to get started. He will check again on Monday with Steve Lewis. John also shared that the Fry's have offered to help with some of the financial needs of the project.

Next alumni meeting is on April 13th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will be in the library and on zoom. Tara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hay seconded. The meeting was adjourned

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

John Crawford

Naomi Hay

Mr. Lewis

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Judy Phillips

Christian Rubio

Tara Waldrop

James Walker

Seth Young