

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

The November meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on November 12, 2020, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

There were technical difficulties recording the October meeting. Heather Randolph asked everyone if she could send what she was able to recall from the October meeting this evening. There will be a treasurer's report, principal's report and old business. The golf tournament was the only item discussed at the meeting so there will be no new business. Tara Waldrop explained that Zoom had been having difficulties and didn't even have that we had met. Lucy Bottorf asked if Heather was using the recorder as a backup and she said she was. Buffy made a motion to accept what Heather would send and everyone could review and in December we could vote to accept. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. Total Deposits for the month were \$9,685.00. Total Debits for the month were \$4,969.15. Total Balance is \$31,916.29 and Total Available Balance is \$25,340.19. The remainder is set aside for scholarships. There are some outstanding items from the golf tournament. Expenses from the golf tournament were \$4,599.10. There are no further receipts or expenses left to pay. \$13,005 is the total income at this point. \$8,405.90 is the total profit. We have an outstanding income to come in of \$1,100. The profit will go up once this comes in. Tara explained the outstanding income was because our credit card machine wouldn't work the morning of the golf tournament. Barney Ottinger stated that this was one of the better tournaments we have had. Heather stated she was having a hard time hearing and that the backup recording was not going to be reliable because of the noise. Lucy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Ruriteen Report

Sara Katheron reported that they wanted to send Christmas cards to shut-ins and asked for help with names of people who needed encouragement this holiday season. She gave the group her email. Mr. I congratulated her on winning a nomination for Ruriteen of the Year given in the district by the Ruritan Club. It covers 50 counties in Tennessee and she is one of those chosen. She went to a banquet and she received her award. She also was given the opportunity to speak at one of their local meetings. The next level would go to nationals. Buffy said she would work with Lucy this week and put together an email blast (100 names was suggested). Buffy

made a motion to donate \$100 to help with postage for the project. Lucy seconded the motion. The motion passed. John Crawford asked if they wanted addresses or email and Sara Katheron said physical addresses.

Principal's Report

Covid-19: Schools remain open on a Hybrid model serving students both in-person and at home. All individuals on campus are required to wear a face covering and to practice social distancing.

Staff have been consistently available to serve our Central high families.

Central's current enrollment is 769. This number has remained steady since last month. Approximately 500 students continue at home learning this term and the other students are doing in person learning. Mr. I reported they are serving approximately 275 students in person, although we have had several cases of quarantine. Striving to make it to Thanksgiving break!

The district/TSSAA continue to monitor Athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the winter sports season. Basketball restrictions have been established for game attendance. One tournament has already been cancelled due to Chattanooga Christian closing.

Students completed the second round of benchmark testing. Results are pending.

Although several schools in the district have again closed for covid related concerns CHS has remained open and operational. Safety protocols are emphasized at all times.

Teaching and learning remains the main focus.

Seniors took the ACT on September 22. Our goal is to increase the % of students scoring a composite of 21 over previous years. We had 30 students score a 21 or higher. Of those 5 students scored a 30 or higher.

Model UN sent a thank you note to the alumni for their contribution.

Families are in the process of making their registration selection for in person or at home learning for next semester. The deadline is next week.

Coming up: Thanksgiving holiday break – November 23-27.

Final exams and End of course testing Dec. 2-17.

Last day of school Dec. 17

Lucy asked the age group of the spike in Hamilton Co. Mr. I stated ages 21-30 and the next is ages 11-18.

John asked about wrestling season and Mr. I said some of the sports teams have been hit hard in the area and country but right now they didn't know. He said the wrestlers are not having any physical contact yet.

Mr. I said they were holding their own with benchmark testing and we have outscored many. He said our students and teachers have been terrific and Central continues to shine in spite of all that's going on.

Student Officer's Report

Jack Graham reported that the Junior class is preparing for EOC's coming up. He said they have finals as well. In ROTC the blood drive was a huge success Nov. 6-7 at Central and the Zaxby's parking lot. They finished a canned food drive and heavily surpassed what they collected last year. Lucy asked how much they were socializing and he said personally they are involved in a lot but are wearing masks and social distancing. He said they are protecting themselves. Sydney Stone said after classes she is also involved in several activities and works downtown. Everything is going well and practicing social distancing and wearing masks.

Old Business

James Walker was having technical difficulties so couldn't report on the golf tournament. Judy Phillips sent a text to Buffy (she didn't attend the meeting). She sent handwritten thank you notes to everyone who played in the tournament. Buffy said she thought the tournament was great and the rain didn't dampen the spirits. She said we did well monetarily that will help us support the school this year.

Katheron Latham wasn't there to update us on the piano lab. Buffy reported that the 4 additional pianos were installed. The interest in her class is growing. Buffy said she was encouraged about our future fine arts projects. She said we will discuss this more in the future. Barney asked if there was any publicity in the newspaper. WDEF did a television report and Mr. I said that at least two stories were written.

Lucy sent out an attachment of a copy of a letter her grandson received from his fraternity at Ole Miss about purchasing a brick. She spoke about this and said she didn't recall us sending letters out about our brick fundraiser. The prices were discussed for the bricks. She asked the group if we could use something like this to raise money for our brick campaign. There was a lot of discussion about the campaign and Barney asked if we had a committee for this. Barney said he would lead this group because he has some ideas. He asked Preston Fore and Lucy to get together with him in the coming weeks to put together and refresh our brick campaign. John asked if anything was on the website and Preston said it was not on the older website. Finley King said we needed to decide where the bricks would go because people would want to know. There have been several ideas discussed in past meetings. Preston asked what website was used to order the bricks. Tara will probably have this information and Buffy will talk with her. (Tara left the meeting early because she is on vacation). Mr. I said he would take some pictures and get some ideas together. Preston said in February 2019 the website was Bricks R Us.

Lucy said we could encourage class officers to think of a way their classes could use this to make some money as well.

Barney will get a group together and work with the group to come up with a plan. Buffy is getting with Tara after her vacation to get what information we already have on the bricks and get it to Barney. John stated that he wanted to be a part of this and that James also needed to be involved. James was getting a committee together concerning the track dedication. There was some discussion on where to actually start putting the bricks and if that could be decided, with the help of Mr. I, then it would help kick off the campaign. The hammer and anvil was mentioned as well as the 4 planters outside the school building. Specific groups need to be targeted and these things will be decided once the committee meets and gets back with the alumni. Barney asked for the people who want to be on the committee to email him. Lucy asked Preston to take the Ole Miss letter and rewrite it to fit our campaign and he agreed.

New Business

Buffy said we needed to affirm the chairs of some committees. Lucy has agreed to rechair the scholarship committee. Lucy asked if this needed to be done in the new year by the new officers. Buffy said if the committee was ready to make their recommendations then she thought they should move forward. Lucy said she agreed and was willing to continue as the chair and that this was very near and dear to her heart. She will talk with the members from this year and feels that possibly a new member needs to be added. Buffy asked Lucy specifically to convene the committee, review and update the application form to better meet the association's purpose and use in awarding the scholarships.

Buffy asked Barney to chair the DAHOF committee and asked Barney for his remarks. Barney stated he was willing to chair the committee. He said the current 2020 class has not been introduced and he wants to combine the 2020 and 2021 class. The number in 2021 will probably have to be limited. Mr. I said he doesn't want to cramp the style of it but is willing to work together to come up with a solution. Combining the two serves a good purpose. Barney also stated that we don't want to overshadow the students at Central and the ceremony surrounding the day. It is designed, however, to show the current students what they can accomplish. John mentioned that we had talked about also doing the SHOF at the same time so we would need to work out how to do all of it.

Nominations should be made in December for new officers and the election would be in January. Buffy asked for everyone to keep this in mind so that we can keep the association running smoothly.

Miscellaneous

Buffy stated that as we are all anxious about our future...mixing red and blue...the product is purple!

Barney asked Lucy and Preston not to redo the letter for the bricks until they can meet and talk about it. Buffy said the information would be gathered in the next few days.

Lucy asked Preston when his exams would be finished. Preston stated the end of next week. She asked him before the next meeting to have a Zoom meeting with her so they could discuss the letter and the bricks. Barney asked where the current bricks are that have been purchased. Buffy stated they are in the archives room of the Central library.

Lucy asked if anyone remembered the sweaters she brought from a class of '59 student. She informed the group that the lady who donated those had recently passed. She encouraged the young people to make the most of their time. John stated that another Central alumni had recently passed as well.

Heather thanked Coach Crawford for making sure her daddy's nameplate that was purchased several years ago and not put up was finally put on the locker. Coach Crawford videoed the moment they put the plaque on and made a presentation and honored her daddy, Mike Randolph. It was very much appreciated.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Next alumni meeting on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

John Crawford

Finley King

Preston Fore

Jack Graham

Mrs. Hay

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Heather Randolph

Sydney Stone

Tara Waldrop

James Walker