

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

The September meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on September 10, 2020, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked everyone to review the August minutes. Tara Waldrop made a motion to accept the approved minutes. Lucy Bottorff seconded. Motion passed. Lucy Bottorff made note that a name was misspelled and she had her secretary change it.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Waldrop reported that we spent \$1,428.25 this month (wrestling jackets, piano lab donation; annual report fees; golf brochures). There were no deposits this month. The remaining balance is \$25,101.64. The total balance (minus scholarship money) is \$17,525.54. The Brandon Farrow scholarship money will be dispersed tomorrow. Sydney Stone made a motion to accept and Heather Randolph seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Covid-19: Schools are 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. Ms. Martha Jolley donated homemade masks for our students as a way to give back to Central. She had students here in the early 2000s.

Registration times were held on Aug. 6, Aug. 7 and Aug. 10.

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

Technology needs were numerous during the early weeks but has since leveled off to less than 5 per week.

First days of school were held on an A/B rotation as described in the district's Phase 2 plan. We continued in that phase through August 28. On August 31 the district transitioned to Phase 3 in which all students that registered for in person learning began to attend classes on campus 5

days per week. On September 4 the district announced its plan to remain in this phase until at least September 25. The next announcement is scheduled for September 18.

Central's current enrollment is 780. This is a drop of about 30 students. Approximately 400 students will be doing at home learning this term and the other students will be doing in person learning. We are serving approximately 275 students in person.

Officer Marcus Dodson has returned to Central and is serving as the SRO.

The District/TSSAA continue to monitor athletics. Currently we continue to be on schedule for the fall sports season.

Our sports seasons resumed with minimal disruption to date. We have hosted several home volleyball matches and 3 home football games. We did win our last football game against Sequoya. Attendance at the games are nearing our Covid capacity. Cooperation with safety mandates have generally been positive.

Homecoming is scheduled for October 2. Homecoming Court will be announced at school tomorrow.

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

Teaching and learning remains our main focus. Our first round of benchmark testing is scheduled for the week of September 21. Our goal is to increase the % of our students that score in the top two levels (3 & 4) for each of our benchmark areas. We test in English, Math, Biology and U. S. History.

September 22 will be ACT testing for all seniors since the spring ACT testing sessions were cancelled. Our goal is to increase the % of students scoring a composite of 21 over previous years.

October 2 is the end of the first quarter and marks the mid-point of this semester and of fall classes. Since we have returned to the block schedule current courses complete in December.

Buffy asked if there was going to be a Fall Break and Mr. I said yes it would be held as scheduled.

Old Business

Buffy reminded SHOF & DAHOF committee chairs to get the pictures in so that frames could be purchased etc.

James Walker reported that trophies were ordered for the golf tournament and tomorrow the contract with the golf course would be signed. Things are moving forward and several sponsors

have committed already. Waffle House is going to sponsor the food again but we need to find volunteers to cook. He said things were headed in the right direction.

Tara reminded James that we paid someone to grill for us last year. Judy Phillips responded that Wayne at the golf course set up someone to cook and we paid them \$100.

Buffy asked about the hole-in-one insurance and James said Barney had gotten that covered. She also reminded the group to bring in door prizes. Judy will keep up with door prizes and who made the donation. She asked for everyone to email her the information. James said we needed between 10-12 door prizes.

James asked everyone to be at the golf course around 6:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m..

Barney said he had another \$500 sponsorship guaranteed. Lucy stated she was doing a \$500 sponsorship.

John Crawford asked about how many bags of ice was needed and Heather reminded them that it was donated last year. Judy said that it was Lookout Valley Ice that donated.

James asked about Coke and Judy told him who the contact was and Finley said he would also contact Rick Hansard.

James stated that the wrestling team and coaches were so excited at the football game when presented with the jackets. Buffy helped with the presentation.

Judy asked if the alumni sponsored a sign at the football field. Buffy asked Heather and Tara to look back at the minutes and the financial reports. Tara stated that we usually donate to those teams that ask, softball etc. Barney said in the past we have given money for specific needs of the football team. Katheron Latham said there is a Welcome Alumni sign and wondered if this was the sign they were referring to.

Buffy said our Senior sign stayed up for 3 months before they took it down and that we really got our money's worth.

Zoey Greene asked if we still wanted her help at the golf tournament and said she would be there.

Jack Graham said the JROTC could help with the golf tournament as well.

New Business

Buffy asked us to keep in mind any fundraising ideas and bring them to the meeting. Coach Crawford asked Buffy if she had all the SHOF pictures with the exception of one. Buffy said that this was correct. He asked Tara about a press release and Tara stated that she was still waiting on DAHOF information. Barney said he would get it to Tara tomorrow.

Lucy asked if any of the upcoming class officer's wanted to speak.

Zoey said they were awaiting the results to see who the new officers would be. Mr. I told her she was elected as the treasurer. Dual enrollment classes may or may not be during Fall Break. She said they are excited to see who is on HC Court.

Jack said the Juniors all ran for the same offices as last year and were running unopposed. He said they were working hard because they know how important this year is.

Jessyca Foster said she had reached out to someone to run and be treasurer for their class. She said home school had been okay with a few glitches with Zoom. She is trying to start a new club called Active Minds and needs a teacher sponsor. She said they are just trying to survive.

Sydney Stone said she is learning at home and she loves getting to have school with her animals beside her.

Buffy said the 2020 Champion is, in her opinion, in the top 10 of all Champion yearbooks and she gave a shout out to Jessyca and the entire yearbook staff.

Ms. Latham said a press release had been sent to the Times-Free Press about the Piano Lab. Next Tuesday they are coming to get footage for Channel 3s What's Right With Our School segment. The Fry's and Buffy were also able to have their picture taken in the piano lab with Ms. Latham.

Lucy asked how many students she had at the piano at one time and Ms. Latham said she had 19 on roll but 8 of them are taking piano at home. She zooms with those kids and has to be creative in order to teach them piano at home. The in person students practice with headphones and she works with them individually.

Mrs. Fry said it was such a privilege to walk in and see the piano lab. She said it was beautiful, unbelievable and she was overwhelmed. She shared that it was an emotional moment and how thrilled they are and stated that it puts Chattanooga Central over the top.

Buffy agreed and thanked Mr. I. He thanked the Fry's and recognized the hard work Ms. Latham and her family did with the space provided for the lab. He stated how excited he was for our students.

Ms. Latham said she loves the diversity in her class the most.

Coach Crawford asked Ms. Latham where the piano lab was located and she explained to him so he could come by. He also thanked Zoey for the interview she did with him a few days ago. Zoey said the article was written and would be published soon.

Lucy asked Preston if he had a counter to determine how many people are using the website. Preston said he would figure it out and email to let everyone know. Tara said we could use another blast about the alumni page. Lucy said we haven't sent out an email blast about the site and how to go to it. She asked Preston to help her with that. He said he just looked and said there were 100 unique visits. Tara asked if this was people, not visits necessarily and he said yes.

Lucy said the class of '60 had a link and asked if it was included in the new website. She said she was confused and didn't understand the question that was asked by Tara. Tara stated that she thought they had a different website. Lucy discussed this further with Preston and Tara and Lucy said they would figure out something out after their reunion.

Barney reminded everyone we only had 30 days to get everything done for the golf tournament.

Heather let everyone know that she had scanned through the minutes since January and we have not purchased a football banner.

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

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

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff

John Crawford

Preston Fore

Jessyca Foster

Admiral Vance Fry

Mrs. Charlyne Fry
Jack Graham
Zoey Greene
Mrs. Hay
Buffy Hoge
Mr. I
Finley King
Katheron Latham
Sarah Katheron Latham
Barney Ottinger
Judy Phillips
Heather Randolph
Sydney Stone
Tara Waldrop
James Walker