

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

The September meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on September 9, 2021, online using Zoom. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy mentioned that the August minutes needed the correction of Ms. Ogle rather than Mrs. Ogle. Judy Phillips mentioned that the team in the golf tournament with Gibby Gilbert son is playing, but not the son who is on the PGA tour. Buffy made a motion to accept the approved August minutes with the corrections. John Crawford made a motion to accept the approved minutes. Judy Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tara gave the treasurer's report. We spent \$7059.38 for the month and took in \$1600.00. There is a question mark on the \$100 PayPal donation from Daniel Smith and after talking with Judy, she confirmed it is for the golf tournament. Ken Connelly is doing a Gold Sponsorship for \$500 for the golf tournament. Lucy Bottorf and James McGlohon are doing a Gold Sponsorship together for \$500 as well for the golf tournament. This donation came in after the financial report had been prepared. The biggest expenditure for the month were scholarships that have been sent out. There was some confusion with the post office. They locked us out of our box prematurely but this has been taken care of. Tara will mail the money for Senior Success Day tomorrow. John Crawford asked if a check had been received from Nothing Bundt Cakes for the golf tournament and Buffy said she had received it today. The total balance is \$28,253.14 with the total available balance being \$26,177.04. Heather Randolph made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

School is off to a good start:

Central's current enrollment stands at 760. We are currently working with approximately 160 seniors in the class of 2022.

Our first Pep Rally was held on Friday, August 20 th in our football stadium. It was successful.

We have been busy with the startup activities and settling into our routines for this school year. We are currently dealing with ongoing COVID concerns. As a result two additional days were

added to our Labor Day holiday allowing for a 5 day pause in hopes to catch up to the demands created by staff and students absences across the district. So far Central has maintained a strong stance but we are feeling the impacts of student absences.

Our return to campus this morning 9-9-21 has been smooth.

First round of Benchmark Testing is next week in our state tested content areas.

The week of Sept. 20-24 is Spirit Week culminating in Homecoming on the 24. With a pep rally scheduled.

After School Learning Labs will be again on Sept. 13 students can receive additional assistance for core content classes.

U. S. Civics test will be administered to seniors the week of Sept. 20-24 our goal is for all seniors to score 85% or higher which would again earn Central the All Star Status among high school civics classes.

Senior Success Day is planned for Friday, Sept. 10

7 students represented our school in the BlueSky coding competition held on Sept. 9. They did an outstanding job. This is an opportunity with ETSU and BlueCross for seniors to get a college degree, intern and get a job.

JROTC sponsored a whitewater rafting trip on Sept. 4. It was an enjoyable outing.

Football team beat Soddy Daisy last Friday night!

Buffy apologized to Mr. I for her confusion with their communication about the SHOF event. Mr. I stated that there were no worries that everyone's heart was in the right place.

Student Officer's Report

Jack Graham reported that the senior class is starting off strong. They are still getting into the swing of things since some were online last year. He said it's going to be a great year. Jack has been elected class President. Sydney Stone said they were doing good and said she has a box of cassette tapes from the band director and asked if anyone wanted these. Buffy asked her to get these to Melinda Martin and Sydney said she would get them to her. Sarah Katheron reported that class officer elections were today. She is vice president of the junior class. She said it was going to be a great year and they were going to do great things. She explained that she was going to have to miss the golf tournament due to a conflict with an event with the Ruriteen Club. Katheron Latham asked Jack to name all the senior class officers. He is President, Sydney is the secretary, Cleming Brightenbock is treasurer and Janette Colunga is the vice president. Mr. I asked someone to share how Sarah Katheron represented Central today. Katheron asked Mrs. Fry to do this. Mrs. Fry told the group that Sarah Katheron

performed today for the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association. She is the winner of several scholarships, monetary and summer camp scholarships. She is very well known in the music community as one of our rising stars. Katheron said today that because of an award Sarah Katheron received in March she was able to attend the ceremony and perform as well as receive a plaque in recognition of her award.

Old Business

Buffy welcomed Vivian Pettigrew back to our meetings and James Walker. She also told Tara that she had received a check for the brick fundraiser. Preston Fore is leaving next week for London. Tara suggested since the brick order hasn't been sent in yet, that we wait to send it in until after the SHOF banquet and golf tournament to see if anyone else orders one at these events. Buffy said several have picked up flyers at the class reunions.

The SHOF banquet will start at 5:30 in the cafeteria. Judy has the list of the people who have responded. John feels we are going to have a big crowd there. Tara will be there to sign people in and will have cash ready for those who will pay at the door. She will have a check ready for Rib & Loin.

As of right now there is no one from the cafeteria that will help serve. We may have to do this ourselves. Vivian will get two boxes of chips and bring to supplement what Rib & Loin will bring. This will be approximately \$50. Judy gave a report of the inductees she has heard from and how many they are going to bring. John will check with those she hasn't heard from to try and get a better number of inductees and guests coming. Buffy will pick up the ferns from Elder's Ace Hardware and take them back on Saturday. There will be no charge. Brian Smith will emcee and Mr. Highlander will say the prayer.

Heather suggested that we possibly use students that need Beta hours etc. that could help with serving. Mr. I said he would put some feelers out to see what the interest would be. Buffy and Mr. I will meet with Mrs. McNabb tomorrow and get her to show them how to keep the food warm. Jack said he could get as many ROTC members to work as needed. They will meet with Mr. I tomorrow. We need them to help with the clean up as well. Vivian will also meet with Buffy and Mr. I tomorrow.

Sarah Katheron said she would be there to take pictures at the SHOF for the Digest. Tara said we have applied for Venmo and we are waiting on a response. John asked if Mr. I would have people who would put up the stage and Mr. I replied that they would take care of the stage and sound. Buffy has the decorations. The football will be finished with their pre-game meal by 3:45. The decorating crew should be there by 4:00. Judy reminded people to bring a case of water to go along with the tea and lemonade that will be provided. The group discussed ordering for 150 from Rib & Loin. Heather made a motion to order for 150 and Buffy seconded. The motion passed. Vivian will contact them tomorrow to change the order.

John is continuing to try and get in touch with Talk Radio and someone needs to contact Julie at Channel 3. Press releases have been sent out to the local paper. A pass list will need to be

made as people come in for the game. Tara will have those typed up on a list (Judy has been sending her names) and she will add to this if needed when they come in. There will be a quick presentation at half-time of the game. Heather suggested having masks at the check-in table for those that want to wear them when not eating. James asked what time Brian would start emceeing. Judy said we usually begin between 5:45 and 6:00 and Brian would announce when it was time for people to start going through the line and then the presentation would begin shortly thereafter.

James informed the group that Donovan Smith was recognized last week as having the longest run in high school football from the state of Tennessee.

James thanked the group for their patience the last few weeks as he has navigated his new role with the school board.

Trophies have been ordered for the golf tournament. He asked everyone to bring a case of water. James will contact Waffle House. Buffy asked about what was needed on the letter to Waffle House. Judy said she had a copy of the letter we send out to them to thank them and will get it to Buffy. Heather said she would contact Jason at Dunkin Donuts and pick up the coffee and donuts they are donating for the tournament. They are donating enough for 80-100 people.

James asked for everyone to send him all the names etc. they have of golfers so he can get it to Bear Trace. Tara reminded him that he always sends her this information as well for check in. Buffy has several that she will email to James and Tara. The plaques and soft drinks are ready. James will ask his daughter Tiffany if she will cook the burgers for us again this year. He asked everyone to be thinking of a back up plan. James will also ask the Quarterback Club if they will be willing to help with this.

Mrs. Hay will do mulligans and Judy will do 50/50. Tara will be there for registration. Judy has sent letters to all the donors to all that she is aware of. She is unsure of all that has come in. She asked for any names that the group needed letters sent to in order to try and get more donations. Tara and John have reached out to several and are waiting to hear back. Judy asked about the signs for the donors and asked if we could get a picture of each sign so she can send it in the thank you letters. Chad Latham is going to do the team photos. Buffy is personally going to pay him his fee to do this. We are doing the \$10 cash back to the players and the same cash prizes. The team winners will get a plaque. Tara will have a check ready for Bear Trace. Barney Ottinger said the hole-in-one insurance has been taken care of.

Sydney asked what the volunteers would be doing at the tournament. Buffy asked what the cheerleaders and ROTC would be doing. Judy said ROTC could help with putting out the signs. James said they could also help with filling up the coolers. The cheerleaders will help with breakfast. Judy asked if Mike Randolph was coming to drive the drink cart and Heather said he was. Sydney said that 6 ROTC members were coming. John said that one could be put on the putting green. Barney said an adult had to be at the hole-in-one all day. Judy said she would

do this and Buffy said she would rotate with her. Buffy confirmed that she received the contract information that Barney sent her on this. Barney said that Robin would set this up for them. We are covered for 100 golfers and 2 pros. Buffy will get the contract to James and he will get it to Robin at the golf course.

New Business

James asked to speak as our school board member. He has received a lot of phone calls over various different subjects since taking office. He received his first call about Central High School. A call came in from a parent of a middle school student with an IEP that was having some issues. During this discussion the parent stated he wanted to talk about Central High School. This parent also has a 9th grader at Central who has an IEP and has sight issues. He stated that Mr. I and the entire team at Central High School have been so welcoming and made his daughter feel like a part of the school. She feels safe and is happy! James was excited that his first call about Central was affirming what we already know, that Central is a great school with great people.

He also asked the board to consider electing someone else as vice president when elections come up. He stated he will always serve Central and be a part of the alumni association but he doesn't want it to give any sense that he is biased since he is now on the school board. He also stated that when elections come up and if he is still voted in as vice president that he will serve in that role. He wants the association to just think about how it looks in the community but reaffirmed that he will continue to be a part of the association and serve and support Central High School.

Heather thanked Mr. I, although she stated she wasn't surprised, for loving ALL students and for supporting ALL students at Central. Mr. I said it was their honor to serve everybody that walks through the doors of Central High School. He said it all starts with compassion and love and appreciates the alumni association for always supporting and standing behind them.

Miscellaneous

Heather said that Marty McDaniel had texted her during the meeting that part of his bio was wrong, he isn't in the FAU HOF. John will get this fixed. John let the group know that Coach Fulmer has been invited to the SHOF banquet due to his ties to Marty and Mark Matlock.

Buffy said she was also bringing kleenex to the SHOF banquet.

Next alumni meeting on October 14th 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.

Tara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendee

John Crawford

Admiral Vance Fry

Charlene Fry

Jack Graham

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Katheron Latham

Sarah Katheron Latham

Barney Ottinger

Vivian Pettigrew

Judy Phillips

Heather Randolph

Sydney Stone

Tara Waldrop