

Chattanooga Central High School

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

The August meeting of the Chattanooga Central High Alumni Association was held on August 8, 2022 in the library. Buffy Hoge called the meeting to order. There were no new attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes

Buffy asked for a motion to accept the approved August minutes. Judy Phillips made a motion to accept the approved August minutes. Martha Faye Blabon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was \$3,950.00 in deposits this month and \$1,945.00 in debits. The total balance is \$28,037.37 with a total available balance of \$25,387.37. Buffy reminded the group of the \$10,000 seed money we started out with. John Crawford said the check for the AED that was purchased for the school had cleared the bank. John made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Barney Ottinger seconded. The motion passed.

Principal's Report

Current enrollment: 762; Senior class enrollment: 190; 180 less agency students

School continues to have a positive start.

JROTC had a White-Water excursion on August 28 and it was a great experience with over 40 students participating

Fall school picture days were successfully taken on Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st

CHS had its first district walkthrough site visit on Sept. 1st receiving numerous positive commendations for a great start to the year and for successful efforts at creating a caring and welcoming learning environment.

Our first Pep Rally was held on Friday, Sept. 2nd to coincide with our first home football game, which we won!

Wednesday, Sept. 7th was a ½ day for students. Teachers/Staff planned in the afternoon.

Senior class trip to UTC is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 9th.

Annual TSSAA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22nd at Silverdale Academy -Mr. I & Mr. Lewis will attend

We have completed our school level grant for participation in the innovative schools grant with an award of 1 million dollars for use over 4 years to elevate our CTE and FRI programs.

School Spirit Week is Oct. 3-7 with our homecoming football game on Friday, Oct. 7th

Fall Break is Oct. 10-14

Buffy stated that some of the JROTC students were unable to afford the white water rafting trip. The alumni gave \$500 for this event with the board's approval.

Student Officer's Report

There was no report tonight.

Old Business

Barney reported that there is still no word on our 501(c)3 tax status.

Buffy expressed thanks to Jim Fulmer for his help laying bricks. She has flyers for the brick sales if anyone needs them. Art Smith, Coach Smith's grandson, expressed interest in a brick. John questioned how we were going to separate the purchased bricks from the blank bricks to fill in the section. The area hasn't been sealed yet and will be compressed from the sides when all of the bricks are in.

James Walker sent notes for the golf tournament: Heather Randolph will get the donuts and coffee from the Ooltewah Dunkin Donuts location; the trophies are ordered and paid for; 4 JROTC Cadets will help as needed, David Champion is donating lunch from Waffle House; Eric Lewis will pick it up and the QB Club will cook it; Vivian Pettigrew will pick up the coke donations; everyone needs to bring ice and water; John and Mr. I will meet to fill coolers with ice from the school; Pam and Diane will help Tara Waldrop with registration; Gibby Gilbert will set up the putting contest (\$200 pool); Barney paid for the hole-in-one contest insurance (if a hole-in-one is made, Tara will make sure cards are signed and call the insurance company immediately to report it to them); we have 10 more teams but need more; Judy sent the registration form to the Chattanooga.com.

The Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) Dinner is Sept. 30th @5:30. 150 meals will be ordered from Rib & Loin. Mr. I has 2 cafeteria workers who will be there at 4:00. The honorees will be calling Judy with the number attending according to John. Buffy has the anvils ready and the pictures will be framed. Brian Smith will MC the event. Judy is contacting ACE Hardware for a loan of the ferns for staging purposes. Buffy has balloons and a helium tank and will get the programs ready and have them printed. John has the press release ready to send out. If possible, those that can need to be at CHS by 4:00 to help set up the event. Tara will take the pass list to the

game. Presentations will take place on the field between the 1st and 2nd quarter. Guests of honorees will be admitted free to dinner just like last year. Everyone is looking forward to a great evening.

New Business

New business was moved forward on the agenda and discussed after the student officer's report. This was to accommodate the time frames for Coach Carter and Mr. Lewis. Baseball Coach Glen Carter and Steve Lewis (by phone) presented a request to purchase a new mower. The one they currently have is broken. They have gotten a price for a used one at \$4,000 and asked the alumni association for \$2,000. Baseball will pay \$1,000 and the QB Club \$1,000. It takes Coach Carter 1 ½ hours with the existing mower and with the new mower it will take 45 minutes. He mows for football and baseball. The request is for a Hustler 60" 0 degree turn mower, commercial grade. Barry Goodner is the sales person. They have received no help from the county. Baseball had 2 fundraisers for dirt and for field maintenance. Barney stated he might could get this for free. Buffy asked about a 72" mower but it won't fit through the gate. She said a new Avenger 60" is \$4,899. Much discussion including why we are being asked for half the cost took place. There was a decision to table the vote since not an immediate need right now and Buffy will set up a conference call on Monday and include members present as well as Tara, Heather, Naomi and Katheron Latham for additional input and vote. John, Mr. I, Barney, Martha Faye, Vivian and Judy support the \$2,000 request. Martha Faye stated that sports set Central apart from other schools. On Sept. 11th Buffy emailed the group and the vote resulted in support of the alumni association giving \$2000 to purchase the mower.

Miscellaneous

Buffy reported that Tara has agreed to handle Constant Contact for the association. Barney made a motion that the alumni association pay for this program. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. I stated that the coke machines in the school didn't always work.

For now, we will stay with Advantage Printing but will ask Tara for quotes from her source at a later date.

Next alumni meeting is on October 20th at 6:00 p.m. since Fall Break is October 13th. Meeting will be in the library and there will be a Zoom link for those that cannot attend in person.

Motion to adjourn by all.

Heather C. Randolph

Secretary

List of Attendees

Martha Faye Blabon

Coach Glen Carter

John Crawford

Buffy Hoge

Mr. I

Steve Lewis

Barney Ottinger

Vivian Pettigrew

Judy Phillips