

Chattanooga Central High School  
Alumni Association  
June 13, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

The June meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held June 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. New attendees were: Phil Iannarone, new CHS Principal, John Linder (Class of 1985), and Savannah Folks, Jared Eddy's (Class of 2017) fiancé. Introductions were made around the room, which included returning members Sterling Jetton (Class of 1975), Mark Matlock (Class of 1976), and Stacy Alexander (Class of 1987 and CHS college advisor).

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Buffy Hoge. Tara Waldrop seconded. Motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop stated there was a fund balance of \$13,329.22. Total deposits were \$450.00 and the total debits were \$1,677.78. Tara stated that she will begin breaking out funds that are restricted by scholarship priority, designated through the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga. Lucy asked Tara to research a check that was submitted by Barbara Knowles to see how it was designated. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Judy Phillips. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Phil Iannarone comes to us, originally from New York. He and Audra, his wife of 31 years, have two adult daughters, all living in Chattanooga. They love it here. He taught for several years within HCDE and at Central from 2004 through 2010. He is eager to begin the school year with outstanding commitment to CHS and full support to our Alumni Association. There was much discussion about student participation in the Alumni Association. Mr. King required all class representatives to come to the meetings to gain an understanding of what we do. Jared Eddy and Preston Fore said they believed students were eager to learn about the long history of the school and maintaining the legacy. Mr. Iannarone said that he will have the support of his team which includes Steve Lewis and Michelle Cochran again this coming year. Transparency, discipline, expectations, standards, respect, and communication are keys to success. He has a good working relationship with HCDE (Hamilton County Department of Education) and foresees no major changes taking place in the weeks ahead. There will be a new band director at Central this year. Joseph Archer is from the Cleveland, Tennessee area and is very familiar with our status and can't wait for the start of the new school year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Buffy said the Distinguished Hall of Fame (DAHOF) reception was fantastic! She said she didn't know why we hadn't chosen the lobby for this event in the past. It was such a great place to hold a reception! There were approximately 40 – 50 people in attendance. The induction, as well as the representation of the old and new school was outstanding! She is looking forward to more in the future!

Barney reminded everyone that the golf tournament will be held Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast and registration are to begin at 7:00am, with an 8:00am start and a light lunch. Barney explained that the golf course retains half the players' fees from the event. This fundraiser made about \$16,000 last year. The majority of the funds come from sponsors. He would like to encourage everyone to get sponsors. We need the Highway 58 graduates to step up and participate in the Association functions. Be sure to remind donors that we are a 501c3 organization and donations are tax deductible. The brochures are ready and Barney passed them out. Lucy said for every \$1000 sponsor a member brings in, she will personally pledge \$100 to the scholarship of choice, in that member's name. Lucy would like Phil to find out if Central has a golf team? If so, she would like to sponsor them to play in the tournament.

Judy Phillips said she is preparing a committee list. Save-the-Date cards will go out. There will be no goody bags this year. We are planning on giving a crisp \$10 bill to each player as they register that morning with their team. We will be in need of trophies, plaques, door prizes, drink donations, volunteers to work the tables, volunteers to help set up, tear down, put out signs, etc.

Barney announced the Connie Hay Classic was rescheduled to July 13<sup>th</sup> from last weekend. He also wanted to mention that Connie has been admitted to Siskin Rehabilitation Center after becoming ill. Anyone that wants to see him can do so if they like. Keep him and his wife, Naomi in your thoughts.

Buffy introduced Sterling Jetton and Mark Matlock. They are representing the committee which will hold the 50 Years on 58 Reunion to be held on Saturday, September 21st at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center in downtown Chattanooga. This will fall on the same day as the golf tournament so it should be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get together. Sterling has been planning reunions for several years. They now have a committee to help organize these events. The cost per person is approximately \$60 each. The price will go up for tickets purchased later on. They have approximately 800 possible invites at this point in planning. The class of 1975 has \$800 in an account to begin working on this project. They will need email addresses supplied by the Association in order to make contact with graduates and former classmates to invite them to this event. There was much discussion of how this event would be advertised, marketed, and received by the public as to the possible sale of alcohol. The Convention Center will handle all of the security for the event. Sterling has held many events at this location. This event will not be associated with the Central High School Alumni Association in any way. Barney made a motion to give the Class of 1975 the email listings, except for the students graduating in years 2016 through 2019, for the purpose of notification of members of said event. Kelly Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy had a student scholarship report! She said that Central High School seniors received over \$4 million in scholarships this year! Hamilton County schools received over \$95 million in total scholarships. Lucy received emails from eight students stating where they were going to college. Jerry Summers spoke to the Chattanooga Times Free Press promoting the Alumni Association and our scholarship awards.

Stacy Alexander said that typically the Senior Success Day (held the Tuesday after Labor Day, this year) will have college and military representatives in attendance. However, this year, they are including local businesses to come and speak to students. College Exploration Week will be held September 16 – 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be local representatives from colleges such as, Chattanooga State, UTC, and Cleveland State along with their mascots for an event in the gym.

Lucy announced that we MUST find a new webmaster for our alumni site. The software cannot be updated. Butch Poole won't leave us hanging, but we have to find someone to take it over ASAP. We will also be revamping our scholarship application.

Heather Randolph provided our Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) update. The committee is currently researching five nominees (3 from Dodds Avenue and 2 from Hwy 58). We are preparing for our annual SHOF dinner. We will be playing against East Hamilton that evening and will host a BBQ dinner for the inductees and their families. We are considering giving more than 2 free tickets to the families of inductees for attendance to the game after the dinner. We will take a vote on it at the next meeting. We always need nominees. They must be accomplished after high school to be considered for this achievement. The nomination form is on the Alumni website. Vivian Pettigrew said the tickets will be available to purchase for the dinner at the August Alumni meeting.

Barney will ask Coach Jones for approval of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo we would like to display on the football field in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> at 58 festivities. There will need to be a template designed and purchased.

Judy said the Class of 1959 reunion was at the Mountain City Club. Everyone had a wonderful time! There were 144 in attendance. It was opened up to any class member through Jerry Summers.

Buffy said there will be a Class of 1974 reunion on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Berrywood Farm in Cleveland. It will be held Saturday night only. There will not be a tour of the school for this particular reunion event.

Tara Waldrop said the Bricks R Us forms are now online.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Buffy said on July 8<sup>th</sup>, she and Melinda Martin (school librarian) will be scrubbing and removing gum off of all the furniture and tightening the chairs and tables in the library. This will take place the Monday after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Any volunteers to help out would be greatly appreciated.

Tara said she submitted the accounting report for the Alumni Association to the Hamilton County Department of Education.

Katheron Latham came in to thank the Association for the money provided to purchase the portable sound system for the Central choir. She passed out thank you notes from the students and told everyone they have already used the system several times. They held performances at Snow Hill Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary with the new system.

Jerry Summers has published a new book called "One Shot Short." This is a 1958 team book. It will be on sale for \$21.95 with funds benefitting the Alumni Association Scholarships.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Right now, there is no official date for the track to be completed. They are working on it, but weather being what it's been, everything has been pushed back several times. The current lighting for track that is being renovated is not up to the TSSAA standard. Central will not be able to use it for meets that extend into the evening hours. Jared Eddy said he has a contact at the TSSAA in the area that he will contact. He will look into local groups who might be interested in hosting day meets at the track in order to raise funds to help pay for the proper lighting. Right now, there is no elementary club where kids can run track. He said raising the funds should be fairly easy. Donna Rast will know if we still have funds available from the money raised from the mattress sale. New lights could run anywhere from \$120k - \$250k. It's not clear if they were in the actual budget for the track originally.

Preston Fore said Sunday after next he will be going to New York and will be there for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday! His college move-in date is August 16<sup>th</sup>! He is very excited!

Jared Eddy announced that he is engaged! Savannah Folks is his fiancé and she came with him so she could meet the group! Congratulations!

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Tara made a motion to adjourn. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson  
Secretary

#### List of Attendees

David Sharp	Kelly Robinson	Barney Ottinger	Judy Phillips	Zoey Greene
Buffy Hoge	Sterling Jetton	Vivian Pettigrew	Tara Waldrop	Katheron Latham
John Linder	Phil Iannarone	Brielle Farrow	Heather Randolph	Stacy Alexander
Lucy Bottorff	Preston Fore	Mark Matlock	Jared Eddy	Savannah Folks