

Chattanooga Central High School
Alumni Association
March 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The March meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held March 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. There were no new attendees to introduce.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. Jake Johns noted a correction to the minutes. The organization that ranked the Central Digest website as overall superior is spelled SIPA, not SEPA as previously noted. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Buffy Hoge. Judy Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop stated there was a fund balance of \$15,840.90. There was a check for \$400 made to the Chattanooga Freedom Foundation for teacher/student training for a trip to Valley Forge. The essays were written by the students chosen to attend. The amount of \$200 was distributed to each sponsor. Buffy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Lucy seconded. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Finley King reported it has been stressful testing last week and this week. There was the ACT on the 11th and third quarter benchmark testing going on as well. Central is on track for high scores. The CDC Prom was rescheduled from February 22 to March 15, due to inclement weather. Spring Break is next week and the students deserve it.

April 18th is the Academic Awards Day Ceremony. It is based on 2nd semester grades for the previous year and the 1st semester grades from this school year. The induction of the Beta Club and National Honor Society will take place that day. Parents will be allowed to dismiss the student inductees early. The ceremony will be held in the gym beginning at 10:00 a. m.

The Junior - Senior Prom will be held on April 27th at The Mill (on Main Street) from 7:00pm – 11:00pm.

The Songbirds Museum at the Chattanooga Choo Choo has sponsored Central High School's guitar class. They have provided 20 guitars which are on loan to us. In addition to this, Songbirds has chosen 20 students from Hamilton County (5 from Central High) to design artwork for specific guitars to be auctioned off in support of the fine arts programs. Mr. Robinson, Central High art teacher is working with these students on the designs which are very impressive. These guitars will be on display just before they are auctioned. Songbirds provided each student with \$50 in paint/materials to be used on the instruments.

STUDENT OFFICERS REPORT

Freshman class president, Jack Graham was in attendance and said things have been calm for the freshman class at the moment. The sophomores had nothing to add for this meeting. Dayonna Carson represented the junior class. She said there was a debate/citizenship conference in Valley Forge, PA on April 23 – 27th in which she attended. She wanted to thank the Alumni Association personally for the efforts in sending them to this conference.

Jake Johns gave the senior class update. Preparations are beginning for graduation this year. Jake and Megan Duncan went to the SCOPE conference in Murfreesboro. They debate policies in education for the State of Tennessee. They have a mock school board and debate an amendment to a policy within the school system. Jake was the superintendent for their school board and was voted in unanimously! Mr. Massengill was the sponsor and Jake was thankful for the opportunity to be able to do this. Jake was also selected to become part of the UT color guard and he goes to camp July 12 – 14th. He also wanted to recognize the CHS National Honor Society for their donation of over 300 items to the Erlanger Oncology Department. April 12 – 13th, the CHS Drama Club will host another play, Almost Maine. It is based on an actual town in Maine and will center around the Northern Lights. It will be held in the E. Y. Chapin Library at the school. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 each.

Matthew Davis spoke about the band concert festival. There are 3 prestigious judges for the event (one of which was the Navy Band Director). The ratings rank 1 for superior, all the way to 5. CHS scored superior (1) for the 6th year in a row! CHS will also participate in the UTK "Vol for a Day" event on April 13th. This is an invitation for band members to play and march for the Orange & White

game. We earned a six (6), which is the highest level you can receive! Central was one of two schools which ranked the highest. The other school was Ooltewah High School.

Preston has been accepted into the New York Times School Summer Program, which lasts 2 weeks. It will take place the last week in June and the first week in July. He will be able to work directly with reporters. He has set up a Go Fund Me account to help with the tuition. In 4 days, he has raised approximately \$800. He has to have \$1,500 by next Monday for the deposit. The total tuition is \$5,750 and he will have \$2,400 in financial aid available to him. He has \$3,500 left to acquire on his fundraising account. Barney Ottinger made a motion to donate \$200 to Preston for this endeavor. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Upcoming dates: April 5th, the Jazz Band will have a competition at Jacksonville State. April 29th is the Superintendent's Banquet and the Dinner Concert is on May 3rd at the Brainerd Bx.

OLD BUSINESS

Barney gave the Distinguished Hall of Fame (DHOF) update. There are 4 inductees listed for approval: Dr. Paula Jo Spence-Evans, MD, Betty Jolly, Judith Mathis-Reich, and Albert Ray Coleman. A motion to approve inductees was made by Martha Fay Blabon. Finley seconded. Motion passed. Nominees will be contacted tomorrow to announce.

Buffy announced the reception for the DHOF will be held on the evening before the induction on Wednesday, May 8th. It went well last year and she would like to expand from dessert, possibly heavy hors d'oeuvres. The event would be held in the library and would be for approximately 50 people. The committee will consist of Buffy, Judy, Tara, Vivian, and Kelly. Buffy has submitted pricing for possible catering. She would like to keep it in the \$650 - \$700 range for spending. She would also like to see the invitations printed this year as it is a lot to hand-write on an invitation. They can be printed by a member of the Association and hand addressed. Senior Day is May 9th. Brielle can help coordinate the décor. James Walker made a motion to set aside \$750 for the cost of catering the event. Naomi Hay seconded. Motion passed.

Buffy gave an update on the 50th Reunion. She attended the meeting on this last Tuesday. There was nothing firm. Dates for the event could be the last two weeks of September or the first two weeks of October, but there is no football schedule out yet. Also, she would like to meet with the Coach to see if we can update the logo on the football field to commemorate the event. The committee would like to reserve Friday evening for an event at the school (reception, tours, etc.) for expanded funding opportunities and for Saturday, maybe an evening downtown. The committee is working on prices for the event. They will meet again on Tuesday, March 19th at 6pm at Ankar's on Highway 58. All are welcome to attend.

James Walker mentioned that the Connie Hay Classic Golf Tournament will be held on June 8th. Barney said the date for this year's upcoming Alumni golf tournament will be held on September 21st at 8am, both to be held at The Bear Trace Golf Course.

Martha Fay said the 60th Class Reunion for the Class of 1959 will be held June 8th at the Mountain City Club. Tickets are \$40 for singles and \$80 for couples. There will be a buffet with prime rib.

James said a tentative date of June 29th is in the works for the Class of 1984 reunion. All class reunions have been updated on the Alumni website.

Finley said the stadium seats are still available. There have only been one set sold. They want to auction them off 200 seats at once.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Crawford, CHS softball coach, said that three of five senior girls signed scholarships to Bryan College, Cleveland State, and Johnson University. He has two more that are great players. He said he has a good freshman class as well. He doesn't have a schedule to give us tonight. However, he is requesting to renew the Alumni sponsored banner. It is \$250 to start and \$150 each year to renew. There is also the condition of the safety fence topper (yellow). It needs to be replaced. It is 350 feet long and the best price he has received is \$340.77 to replace it. He passed pictures around of the field and locker room. Everything has been updated and painted. More lettering is to be added. Barney made a motion to donate \$600 to the softball program for the purchase of the fence topper and additional updates. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tara provided an update on the Jason Frizzell Memorial Scholarship. The class committee would like for the senior teachers to recommend seniors who have had an impact on their classmates and the positivity they provide to their peers, not necessarily based on grades. Jason's mother will be present for the scholarship presentation. Ms. Alexander will be notified so it can be added to the Class Day Agenda.

James said that the D9 Ooltewah Harrison Education Fund has provided \$1,500 scholarships to 3 high schools in the D9 area.

Senior applications for the Alumni Association scholarships have taken place and are ready for the committee to review.

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

At this time, Lucy gave a speech in honor of retiring principal, Finley King, for all his hard work and dedication to the students, staff, and alumni of Chattanooga Central High over the years. He was presented with a beautiful watch, poem, and cards. A reception was held in the library for those in attendance.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson
Secretary

List of Attendees

Matthew Davis	Kelly Robinson	Brooke Johnson	Jake Johns	Zach Butler
Judy Phillips	Buffy Hoge	Barney Ottinger	Finley King	Pam Miller
Vivian Pettigrew	Naomi Hay	Connie Hay	Zoey Greene	Preston Fore
Lucy Bottorff	Randy Crawford	James Walker	Steven Lewis	Dick Blabon
Martha Fay Blabon	Dayonna Carson	Tara Waldrop	Heather Randolph	Jack Graham