

Chattanooga Central High School  
Alumni Association  
November 8, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She introduced new attendees: Central High School's wrestling coach, Ryan Mallory along with wrestler, Donavyn Walker.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. There was a correction to be noted under the Principal's Report. In the third sentence, the dates for the 3-day program Elizabeth Irving will be attending should read June 22 – 25, 2019. There was one other correction to be made, under New Business, first paragraph. The Class of 1959 has always held their reunion at the Mountain City Club. However, the Class of 1968 had their reunion at The Westin Hotel. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Zach Butler. John Crawford seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop stated there was a fund balance of \$17,613.98. She is still waiting on all income from the golf tournament to arrive. She will provide a breakdown as soon as possible. Buffy Hoge made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Heather Randolph seconded. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. King is unable to attend tonight's meeting. However, there is an announcement that the HVAC/Alternate Energies Class teacher, Jerry Webb, will be awarded \$15,000.00 as part of a grant the program has received. The HVAC program he teaches will receive a check in the amount of \$35,000 from Harbor Freight Tools, as well as a 2-level rolling toolbox with a plaque on the side. The ceremony will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., which will be televised. Jack Neely explained how he has learned so much from Mr. Webb. Their class has studied the use and construction of solar panels, wind turbines, and even built chicken houses to be sold. Students receive a college credit for the class.

Buffy highlighted the Class of 1957 reunion. This is their 61<sup>st</sup> year. This is the first class to have a reception at Central High. Melinda Martin and Richard Owens coordinated the event. The group toured the campus and enjoyed their evening. Paul Shelton, Ronnie Kincer, and Jimmy Henley sent a very nice letter afterward sharing their appreciation for all the hard work that was put into the event.

The Class of 1978 has had a lot of sign-ups for the Alumni Association.

STUDENT OFFICERS REPORT

Freshman class President, Jack Graham was in attendance, as well as sophomore class President, Destiny Smith. She said she had five ideas for a function/fundraiser for her class. Riley Martin, class Treasurer said they were considering a Pizza Hut personal pizza fundraiser where Pizza Hut donates to the school. They are also considering using a bulletin board to update student progress each week and highlight 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who do well academically and otherwise. Destiny noted that they are also interested in buying a brick from the Alumni Association to commemorate their sophomore class. They also are looking at the possibility of scheduling a trip to reward those students who maintain good grades/behavior throughout the year.

Junior class President, Dayonna Carson and Jack Neely, Vice President, said they were looking at rewarding students who maintain good grades throughout the year.

Jake Johns stated that Senior Superlatives were announced today. November 1<sup>st</sup> was the Youth Summit. This is a student engagement council, organized for students to be able to fit in.

Powder Puff was canceled. It is now a fundraiser and shirts were \$20 each. Some students felt it was expensive. Others just were not interested in participating in the event.

Senior Picnic Day was held at Harrison Bay. Central won the Spirit Award. Senior Class President, Nathen Vanderwilt, will be speaking to the Harrison Elementary leadership group. He is also signing with Bryan College next week for cross country.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jim Snyder was unavailable to give the Career event update.

Barney Ottinger stated there was one outstanding check he was expecting from the golf tournament.

Lucy needs a list of golf players who signed in. Judy Phillips will bring her list and give it to Lucy. Questions remain for that double charge in reference to PayPal. Tara received \$500.00 for the golf tournament tonight and there is still \$1,000 outstanding.

Judy and Martha Faye Blabon wrote notes to all the sponsors of the tournament. They will send golfer notes soon. She will bring extras in case someone needs them.

Tara is making name corrections on the brick site. We can't go live with the site until it is approved by Hamilton County. We will be able to start sharing as soon as it's approved. It could take 2 – 4 weeks for the corrections to be made. Lucy would like for it to be available by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Jake will announce the brick sale on the Digest site.

Class of 1964 reunion: no update.

Buffy has not heard back about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary yet.

Majorette reunion update for next fall: Reminders sent yesterday, received some responses. Pam Miller has some names and will send them in. Charlyne Fry sent some names as well. John suggested putting an announcement out on the Alumni website.

Lucy will need volunteers for the Senior Brunch on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1pm. This will be for the classes of 2018 & 2019 to be held in the school library. We will be working on a menu.

Vivian Pettigrew RSVP'd for six (6) Alumni Association members to attend the luncheon at the Harrison Ruritan Club at 1pm on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> just prior to the Freedom Award ceremony.

### NEW BUSINESS

Wrestling Coach, Ryan Mallory, in his sixth year at Central, brought with him, Donavyn Walker and Jack Neely to make a presentation for a new wrestling mat for the team. Their current mat is approximately 8 – 10 years old. It is cracking and peeling. In January, they hold the Central Invitational and it would be great to have a new one by that time. John Farr started the program originally. Fundraisers keep the program functional. They make about \$2,000 from the wrestling tournament each year. They have \$1,800 from fundraisers. In total, they currently have \$3,700 in their account. The cost of a new mat is \$6,500. They recently began a new fundraiser from Snap Raise where they submit email addresses so that people can donate money directly to the team. They have 40 emails so far, but they need 280 to meet their goal. They asked if it would be possible for the Association to give email addresses of members to them. Lucy explained that she is not able to provide email addresses to the wrestling team. She is willing to send out an email blast to let members know the wrestling team has an immediate need. She can also have it listed on the Alumni website with a link so that any member can contribute if they wish. Kristie Neely suggested the Digest write an article about the Central Invitational to help with support.

Buffy made a motion for the Alumni Association to donate \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of a mat for the wrestling team. Barney seconded. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Leamon suggesting a wrestling table to be set up at the next sporting event. She said she would volunteer to help set it up. The wrestling team will be able to take donations there. Lucy also wants any funds donated to be divided and students should match funds.

The wrestling team hosts East Hamilton on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Barney announced that it was time again to think about who to nominate for the 2019 officer election coming up. Buffy just retired and is not sure if she wants to take over as President of the Association just yet. However, there was much discussion about the

need for an additional person to be available to sign checks when needed. John made a motion to add Buffy as an additional check signer for the Alumni account. Zach seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy received a website optimization solicitation so she forwarded it to Butch Poole. He has agreed to handle the website for one more year. She would like to find a student to take over the website. Tara suggested getting quotes with consideration for dependability and timely updates. The domain name will be transferred. Please email Lucy for ideas and input.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Lucy stated she's been pressing to get the Charter and Bylaws on the website. They are now on the site for viewing.

Sally White, English teacher and Drama Club Director at CHS, contacted the Times Free Press to see if an article can be written about Diane Hale, Jerry Summers, and Finley King, as well as recognizing scholarships through the association and the Class of '88/Jason Frizzell scholarship on track to be awarded this May. There are fifteen (15) \$1,000 scholarships given out each year.

Heather mentioned that she ran into someone in North Georgia who knew about all the great stuff going on at Central.

Lucy announced she has a client that works for GE. He is making a contact for us to see about a replacement dryer for the football team.

Jake announced this is his second year in the drama club. He stated that Sally White runs a successful program despite having no theater, with so much talent. They have a new production, Through the Rabbit Hole, which will take place in the CHS Library on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. It is an art gallery production of Alice in Wonderland. The props and production were purchased with funds from the Alumni Association. As stage manager/producer of production, he is giving the members of the Alumni Association 20 free VIP tickets (which Jake designed and printed). These normally sell for \$10 each. Refreshments will be served and there will be an early gallery viewing. General admission tickets are \$5.00. They will be sold online and at the door. One item they would like is a backdrop of curtains. They are 5 feet each and sell for \$36.99. These would wrap around and provide a backdrop for the play. Buffy made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the Drama Club. Barney seconded. Motion passed.

Jake also wanted the Association to know that he was accepted to the University of Tennessee!

Coach Jones called regarding a playoff game dinner. The Alumni Association donated \$340.00 for the cost of the dinner. Kristie Neely will provide an invoice to submit.

The Model UN Conference is next week, November 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Lucy stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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

Kelly D. Robinson  
Secretary

#### List of Attendees

Tara Waldrop	Zach Butler	Sally White	Jake Johns	Heather Randolph
John Crawford	Kristie Neely	Jack Neely	Kelly Robinson	Zoey Greene
Judy Phillips	Buffy Hoge	Marcia Leamon	Elizabeth Leamon	Ryan Mallory
Donavyn Walker	Destiny Smith	Jack Graham	Riley Martin	Dayonna Carson
Nathen Vanderwilt	Lucy Bottorff	Vivian Pettigrew		