

Chattanooga Central High School  
Alumni Association  
January 10, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.. Kelly Robinson was unable to attend the meeting. Zoey Greene will be taking the minutes. There were no new attendees to recognize at this time.

ELECTION OF 2019 OFFICERS

Barney Ottinger announced the lineup for the 2019 officer elections. He reminded all of the attendees that the plan is for the members from 58 highway to step up and take over the Alumni Association. The results for this year are as follows:

President- There were no new nominations for the position of president. Judy Phillips made a motion to re-elect Lucy Bottorff as the president of the Alumni Association. Finley King seconded. Motion passed. Congratulations Lucy Bottorff on another year of running this beloved association.

Vice President- There were no new nominations for the position of vice president. Heather Randolph made a motion to re-elect Buffy Hoge as the vice president of the Alumni Association. Lucy Bottorff seconded. Motion passed. Congratulations Buffy Hoge on another year of working alongside Lucy to operate this association.

Secretary- There were no new nominations for the position of secretary. Buffy Hoge made a motion to re-elect Kelly Robinson as the secretary of the Alumni Association. Finley King seconded. Motion passed. Congratulations Kelly Robinson on another year of recording the notes for this esteemed association.

Treasurer- There were no new nominations for the position of treasurer. Heather Randolph made a motion to re-elect Tara Waldrop as the treasurer of the Alumni Association. Finley King seconded. Motion passed. Congratulations Tara Waldrop on another year of handling the money for this association.

Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the President. Lucy Bottorff appointed Barney Ottinger to Chief Executive Officer and asked that Barney be accepted by acclamation. Buffy Hoge seconded and the motion was so moved.

Lucy made a shout out to all of her fellow officers for their dedication to the association.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. There was a correction to be made under the Treasurer's Report. The clarification is made that an alumnus anonymously contributed \$7,000 to the Community Foundation of Chattanooga to help fund the underfunded scholarships. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Judy Philips. Finley King seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy mentioned bringing a collection of the meeting minutes for file in the Library. She will bring all of the notes from the start of the association at the next meeting in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop was unable to attend this meeting. President, Lucy Bottorff gave the treasurer's report. Lucy stated that the Fry's Fine Arts Scholarship was presented at the senior brunch December 29, 2018. The account has a balance of \$18,632.70. There was \$1,000 deposited from The Renaissance Companies. Buffy Hoge made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Finley King seconded. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Finley reported that because the state let it slip that EOCs would not count last year, students did not try their best. He was pleased to inform us that the overall scores on the benchmark of Central High School improved this year. The graphs showed that our beloved school outperformed all other public schools in Hamilton County.

Administrators, teachers, and students are working together to help improve scores throughout the entire student body. We plan to administer test prep in advisory every Friday for the 11th graders. This way they get practice, testing, and more practice before the final test is administered. Lucy commented that she is proud of Finley for taking the initiative to practice for the ACT because it reflects on the school as a whole.

The wrestling mat has not been purchased due to the short supply of money. They have a total of \$4000 including the \$1000 previously donated by the Association. Finley stated that the plan is to hold off until more money is available since there is no way to establish an account that lets you pay in increments.

## STUDENT OFFICERS REPORT

Freshman class Vice President, Brooke Johnson, had nothing to report this month.

Sophomore class President, Destiny Smith reported the follow-up on the 10th grade board of recognition. They were all unable to attend last meeting because of prior dedications to the band program. The board was finished before winter break with the help of Izzy Morris, who bought the supplies for the decorations on the outskirts of the board. The sophomore class officers plan to redecorate this recognition board the last week of January. Mr. Bryte will be conversing with the officers the morning of January 11 to further discuss plans for the 11th grade class.

There were no junior class officers present at the meeting. We hope to see some at the gathering in February.

Senior class President, Nathan Vanderwilt was present, but did not have any current information to report. There were forms handed out for the Alumni scholarships that each member received as per request. Nathan does plan to apply for some of these scholarships and we could not be more enthused. Jake Johns was also present at the meeting even though he no longer is a class officer. He talked about the coverage of the school's 50th anniversary on the Digest On February 23, 2019. Jake has auditions for the UT color guard.

## OLD BUSINESS

Barney discussed the updates on the golf tournament for next year. The brochures are completed but it is recommended not to distribute them in bulk due to the Connie Hay Tournament in June. Some of the brochures will be left with Finley for inquiring minds. We plan to raise \$13,000 to \$14,000 this year. Lucy announced that the door prizes section of the tournament will be more organized next year. It was difficult in some cases to identify the companies that contributed prizes. This prevented us in thank you notes not being sent.

The Distinguished Hall Of Fame committee consists of Buffy Hoge, Charlie Sedman, Barney Ottinger, and Tara Waldrop. There are ten nominees listed so far. For every one person from Dodds Avenue there will be three people from Highway 58. The deadline for nomination forms is February 28, 2019. In March we will confirm the nominees. There will be letters going out to the past recipients soon to connect with this year's chosen nominees and link Dodds Avenue more closely with Highway 58. Buffy was asked to be the chair of the DAHOF committee for 2020. Everyone is hyped up due to the fantastic nominees we have already received.

The senior luncheon was a huge success. We had a total of thirty-seven people in attendance. The seniors gathered at the two corners of the room. One table was disconnected and next year we plan to link everyone in more closely. One major concept that previous seniors longed to pass on relates to procrastination. Most of them agreed that procrastination in college is far from being a good idea. The association sent out 253 emails and 240 letters. Out of all of the letters mailed, only twenty came back with a change of address notification. Heather mentioned that the most outstanding thing we accomplished this year was reaching people who are not the general A type student. We reached people we would not have expected to want to return to Central. The Alumni association plans to try a new tactic for reaching people. It was mentioned to put a card in the information packet seniors get at graduation for the brunch. However, Finley rejected this idea due to his experience with senior parents. Most parents will take the packet and their child will never see the invite. A new idea was proposed to give out magnets. This idea seemed to sit well with everyone and has a high possibility of becoming our new contacting method.

This year the 2015 graduates will be graduating from college. We will be doing a reunion for them corresponding with the senior brunch this year. The brunch will feature college and career conversations.

2019 marks the 50th year Chattanooga Central High School has been at the Highway 58 location. Buffy is going to try to get in touch with Sterling Jetton again. We plan to coordinate with the football season based on the dates and weather forecasts. Nathan mentioned putting the 50 on the football field in gold for the whole season, much like they do for the Super Bowl. The idea was favored by most and we decided a talk with Coach Jones if necessary to make this arrangement possible. Jake also mentioned doing a cover on the digest for the 50th anniversary. Lucy is going to help find people to interview for the article. There will also be pictures of the original floor plans to highlight the next football season. We discussed using a school seal to mark the mailed envelopes for the 50th anniversary celebration. This idea was not confirmed nor denied.

## NEW BUSINESS

Zach Butler talked about updating our security features on Facebook. We are having a huge problem of people inviting people. There was also discussion of the website considering Butch Poole no longer is running the site. A recommendation was made for Philip Johnson to take over designing the website. He is the head of the IT Department and Central High School alum. Finley made an important note that in order for him to run the website another teacher must co-sponsor. Otherwise, it would be too hard for one person to carry all of the weight of updating.

Buffy delivered a brick update since David was unable to come. The online application process is in limbo. So far we have only sold three bricks. It is advised that we stay on top of this money opportunity as much as possible.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Barney discussed the Sports Hall of Fame. There is no DVD for the 2018 class. Finley is going to send Lucy Philip Johnson's information to see if this is something he would be interested in doing. The previous designer will do a tutorial as long as someone is willing to take it over. There was a

recommendation to keep a manual in the library for future uses. Jake Johns also plans to learn the art of designing the DVD so that he may help out with the SHOF.

Finley mentioned doing an incentive for EOC scores. If you exceed a certain score your name will go into a drawing. There will be four hats, four winners, all dispersed among the four grade levels. The ideal prize is the Nintendo Switch. It is valued at \$299.00. Heather amended the proposal and advised that we do it based on growth percentage not overall score. For seniors it was mentioned a 21 on the ACT would be acceptable. There was still conflict on how to recognize the Special ED students. Finley plans to incorporate these students as he develops his ideas further. Barney made a motion that the Alumni association gives up to \$1,200.00 toward this cause. Buffy seconded. Motion passed.

The floor was opened up for students to discuss what would encourage them to do better in school. Jake mentioned doing dress down on Fridays. Brooke mentioned a dress down pass for the whole quarter if star roll was achieved. However, this idea was shut down due to its lack of incorporating those who struggle in school. Finley also made mention of the rewards seniors will be getting, encouraging the underclassmen to work up to their senior year. The members of the 21 club will be able to leave for lunch. Seniors who have applied to at least one college will have the privilege of wearing jeans on Fridays.

There was a discussion on the community track still being built. Steve Lewis stated that it will not be complete until after the track season due to the rain and temperatures in Chattanooga. The property belongs to Hamilton County School System and will be open for public use. We are prohibited from locking it. We can, however, put up an electronic monitor to catch those violating the rules or damaging the track. It will have a zig-zag gate in order to prevent vehicular entries. We are currently fighting to get track lights that cost \$120,000.00 as opposed to the provided walking lights that are only worth \$50,000.00.

Buffy made a motion to move the February meeting to the 21st due to prior engagements among loved ones. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy stated the next meeting will be held on February, 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Finley made a motion to adjourn. Barney seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Zoey M. Greene  
Student Secretary

#### List of Attendees

Barney Ottinger  
Heather Randolph  
Destiny Smith  
Judy Philips  
Tracey Hay

Nathan Vanderwilt  
Steven Lewis  
Erin Bell  
Preston Fore  
Zoey Greene

Riley Martin  
Brooke Johnson  
Finley King  
Lucy Bottorff

Buffy Hoge  
Kenyon McCroby  
Zach Butler  
Jake Johns