

Chattanooga Central High School
Alumni Association
August 8, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The August meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. New attendees Vicki Major, a 1976 graduate; Cassandra Castillo, Copy Editor for The Central Digest; David Tittle, outside website consultant; Josephine Scruggs, a 1976 graduate; and Abby Young, student and member of The Central Digest were introduced.

Lucy announced that the Alumni Association's dear friend, Connie Hay passed away recently. His service was beautiful and well-attended.

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 Tara Waldrop. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara gave the treasurer's report. The scholarship balance is \$3,576.10. The general fund balance is \$9,332.55. The total fund balance is: \$12,908.65. Checks were processed for the printing of the SHOF BBQ dinner tickets (\$40.00) and to Wiley Poole for the website hosting fee (\$152.57). Tara is preparing a list of people who have donated in memory of Connie Hay. So far, the amount committed is \$350.00. The Alumni Association made a \$100.00 donation by acclamation to the Connie Hay Scholarship fund. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Buffy. Judy Phillips seconded. Motion passed.

Lucy received phone calls regarding the Jason Frizzell and Vance Fry Scholarship awards. Lucy receives information from the bursar's office and the Association processes a check directly to the school. The Erwin Davis Scholarship was short this year, so they are going to be giving a \$500 scholarship. However, it is not processed through the association.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Phil Iannarone stated it had been a great start to the new school year. We had a smooth opening to the school year. The class meetings will be held next week. There were several orientations this year. The gym was filled twice. Parents and students were quickly serviced and lines were short. Judy asked if there could be a slot added to the wall in the teachers' lounge where Alumni Association items can be placed. Phil said he would make sure to have it added. There was a school campus work day on the 27th. Fourteen volunteers cleaned, pressure washed, and completed various tasks around the school. Enrollment is currently at 825. However, final numbers won't be available for a few weeks.

Sally White, English 10 and Drama teacher, has taken a position as Dean of Fine Arts at CCA and Central will have a new English teacher. There are no current staff vacancies.

Buffy announced she is looking for a metal box of records that has recently been removed from its current position. It contained student records from 1907 – 1969 and she is desperate to find it. Phil said he is sure nothing has been discarded and he will look for it.

Also, a sponsor for the golf tournament has been secured in the amount of \$1000 by Phil! Way to go!

STUDENT REPORT

Sara Katheron Latham, Freshman and member of The Digest, said her year seems to be going well so far.

Zoey Greene, Sophomore representative, said she has some scheduling issues which are leading to being behind in assignments. She hopes they are resolved soon. She also said that after the City Youth Council advised there were residential restrictions on her membership, she received an email from them announcing she was accepted! The first meeting is August 19th.

Cassandra Castillo, of The Digest, said that new members are getting settled. She also announced that their Editor-in-Chief, Dayonna Carson attended a prestigious summer journalism program at Princeton University.

Katheron Latham, of the Music Department reports that her choir program has grown to 3 class periods this year. Mr. Iannarone said the band is doing well. They have over 40 students in concert band. They do have a small marching band this year with only 22 students so far, but they aren't going to let that hold them back!

OLD BUSINESS

Lucy announced guest, David Tittle. He is making a presentation for the position of taking over and building a new alumni website. David said he has built a few websites. However, they are no longer in service to be able to show his work. He proposes a price of \$1000 to rebuild the site and support it. He will train select alumni members on how to make updates. He can upgrade, maintain the site, and provide remote assistance after that for an hourly rate, to be determined. Three hours of training will be included in the price above. He said the information from the current site is good. However, he doesn't recommend using GoDaddy for the template. Our new site would have no special formats. The cost to keep the domain name registration each year is \$65.00. Lucy and Tara raised concerns about the fact there were no active websites to view. Lucy added there would be further discussion and interviews with several more candidates. However, they would like to make a final decision before the end of the year.

The SHOF update was given by John Crawford. He made a motion for the following inductees to be nominated: Jerry F. Shuford, Class of 1961, Ken. E. Hudgins, Class of 1952, Johnny Bradford, Class of 1977, Ronnie Robbs, Class of 1956, and Gary Bohannon, Class of 1994. Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Names will not be published until announcement has been made.

Vivian Pettigrew reported that the SHOF BBQ dinner tickets are now available for \$5.00 each. Everything is on track for a nice evening. Phil will put out a school-wide release about the dinner and price of tickets.

Judy said she sent out 168 save-the-date cards for the upcoming golf tournament. There has been \$2,500 committed to the tournament so far. There is a reservation to appear on News Channel 9's This N' That on September 16th at 12:30pm. Tara will send out a press release next week. Judy has letters available to send to possible sponsors for the tournament if anyone would like some. She reviewed the committee assignments to make sure all posts are covered by members. Lucy would like to challenge each class to sponsor a hole in the tournament. She is going to send communication out to that effect. Registration forms are now available. First Volunteer Bank representative and Class of 1976 graduate, Marcia Leamon will be donating \$500 toward the event.

Buffy said that she, Tara, and Kelly had not had a chance to meet about the Brick fundraiser and will schedule a time to do so.

Buffy gave an overview of the 50 Years on 58 Reunion. We are celebrating 50 years here at the Harrison location. The reunion event will take place on Saturday, September 21st at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center. Tickets are on sale through Facebook (PayPal) and are \$60 per person until August 21st. The price will increase to \$75 until September 1st. Registration will close at that time to finalize preparations. No tickets will be sold at the door. WDEF will be covering the event on August 12th at 10:00am.

Barney Ottinger said that Butch Murray will make the template for the football field to commemorate the 50 Years on 58 Anniversary. The first home game will take place on September 13th. He passed around the proposed logo and discussed ideas.

Judy mentioned that the Connie Hay Classic Golf Tournament went well and was a wonderful event.

NEW BUSINESS

Buffy announced that baseball's Coach Carter found a 10 x 15 U. S. flag in the locker rooms neatly stored. It is believed to be the same flag that previously hung in the gym at the Dodds Avenue location over the exit doors. It is too fragile to hang now. However, since this is a big historical find, she may see if it can be displayed in plexiglass for all to see.

Barney explained that Brainerd High has had a lot of activity and growth within their alumni association lately. He may have a contact person that we may like to speak to regarding growing our organization and drawing in people who want to participate in something big, such as a picnic or summer work party. The updates to the school were driven entirely by their alumni association.

MISCELLANEOUS

Katheron asked if anyone had seen the video that Dr. Bryan Johnson recorded and sent out to parents and students recently? He recorded on location and showcased Central High in this video and remarked about the rich history and tradition of the school.

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Buffy made a motion to adjourn at 7:32p.m. David Sharp seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson
Secretary

List of Attendees

Kelly Robinson	Barney Ottinger	John Crawford	David Sharp	Judy Phillips
Zoey Greene	Pam Miller	Tara Waldrop	David Tittle	Josephine Scruggs
Vivian Pettigrew	Alex (Vivian's grandson)	Heather Randolph	Buffy Hoge	Marcia Leamon
Vicki Major	Cassandra Castillo	Phil Iannarone	Abby Young	Katheron Latham
Sarah Katheron Latham	Lucy Bottorff			