

Chattanooga Central High School
Alumni Association
December 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The December meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no new attendees.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lucy distributed copies of the minutes, agenda, and treasurer's report for review. There was a suggestion to send the minutes out to every attendee of each meeting. Further discussion may be held at future meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Buffy Hoge. Heather Randolph seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tara Waldrop gave the treasurer's report. The scholarship balance is \$1,576.10. The general fund balance is \$17,052.07. The total fund balance is \$18,628.17. There were no deposits into the account. Total debits from the account were \$2,490.66. The Frye Scholarship recipients were credited. The recipient of the Frizzell Scholarship is still being researched. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Judy Phillips. Buffy Hoge seconded. Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Phil Iannarone reported attendance is at 94.3 percent with a 1% improvement. Suspension rates are at 13% and chronic absenteeism is at 14.1%. Boys' and girls' basketball is going well. There is a lot of growth and improvement. A wrestling tournament is going on tonight in the gym. The school had a successful blood drive. The drama club comedy #Romeo went well. Benchmark testing is going on until next Wednesday. Megan Sanford, CHS graduate (Class of 1999) and chemistry teacher, passed away. There will be a balloon release in the morning in the agora. James Walker gave kudos to the basketball coach.

STUDENT REPORT

The senior class treasurer, Dayonna Carson said the students are planning a trip. Students are currently applying for colleges. 80% of seniors (200 students) have applied. Zoey Greene reported that it has been a rough year with her chemistry teacher out and now having passed, it was very emotional. She thanked everyone for support. She explained how the benchmark testing works. She said her class is preparing for the holidays and participating in festivities this week. Jack Graham, sophomore class president, said as the benchmarks are finishing up, his class is also preparing for the holidays.

Preston Fore was out of school for the holidays and in attendance at tonight's meeting. He is attending the University of North Carolina. He writes stories for The Daily Tarheel, which must be completed in 24 hours. He has published three stories in the physical paper. The rest are sent to the online edition. Two favorite stories he has written were one on a celebrity fitness trainer who trains actors in the movies, and an astronaut candidate and deputy director at NASA. He is maintaining a GPA of 4.0 and has been to a couple of basketball and football games in his free time.

The Gaming Club rescheduled for the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Barney Ottinger and Judy gave the golf report. Judy is waiting on one check to arrive. Barney said the committee is looking for a golf chairperson for next year. Heather suggested a mentor position for next year. Tara suggested a committee for next year. James said he would be mentored by Barney for next year. Lucy mentioned that we need more sponsors for the tournament. Buffy wants a list of subcommittees.

Tara said the bricks ship on December 30th. There will be five. Tara said she prefers people turn in paper order forms to her.

Barney said three applications have been received for the Distinguished Hall of Fame (DHOFF) as well as one verbal. He would like the information about DHOFF placed on the website. Submissions should be in by February 28th.

There was much discussion about the mugs that Buffy purchased for the 50 year reunion. There have been 200 mugs set aside and 127 left. There were 18 sold at the Central Connection Luncheon today. They will need to be stored somewhere. James Walker said he has room available where they can be placed. Dayonna can make ads for selling them at school. We will need the mugs for the

Hall of Fame presentations, so Barney suggested the Association purchase 50 to help relieve the burden of Buffy carrying the cost since she purchased the mugs initially.

Jerry Summers has given permission for the books he recently published, to be sold during CHS Alumni events for \$20.00 each. The proceeds would still be earmarked for the specific scholarships or ones that are short on funds. The retail price of each book is \$21.95.

NEW BUSINESS

Lucy announced nominations are open for 2020 Alumni Association officers. Send nominations to Barney or Lucy. Buffy Hoge is running for office of President. The current secretary, Kelly Robinson, stated she is unable to continue as secretary in 2020, due to personal constraints at this time. Her seat will also be available. The Association has great attendance and is a strong organization. The challenge is in the continued progress. Fundraising and participation is a challenge. We need to be able to solicit and work together to gather people in the community. Nominations will be taken for each office until January.

Lucy stated that she is researching devices known for recording meeting minutes. This may be helpful for the future secretaries to use. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting about the devices.

Senior Brunch will be held on December 28th at 11:00am. Someone will be available to open the doors to the school around 10am.

MISCELLANEOUS

Randy Crawford, CHS softball coach, is in attendance. They have 3 seniors this year. Two of the three will be signed for scholarships. The third plays well so they are working to try and get her signed on with a college. The Alumni Association purchased fence toppers previously. The backstop net had been taken down and stored. However, at some point, it has been chewed by mice in storage. He acquired quotes for a new net and the lowest price he found was \$443.19. They have completed a lot of work around the field, but they still need a batting cage. Barney made a motion to provide \$750.00 to the girls' softball team to cover the net and provide additional coverage in their operating budget this season. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Crawford also stated that this year, the rules have changed and instead of making payments for umpires at each game, the umpire payment must be made up front for the entire year, which causes a bit of a strain.

Sponsorship signs for the upcoming year are \$150.00 for the softball team. There will be discussion of renewal of the Alumni Association sign at the next meeting. The softball team has their first practice the last week in February.

Lucy would like the Alumni Association to donate \$100.00 in the name of Megan Stanford to the Teachers' Scholarship Fund. All attendees were in agreement.

Lucy stated that Constant Contact, our email service costs \$600.00 for renewal. Barney said that he will split it with Lucy. She will keep the communications and emails going after she retires her position as President.

There was an inquiry about the wrestling mat fund. Phil said he believes the fund is still down about \$2,000.00 toward the purchase of a new mat.

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Heather made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm. Buffy seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson
Secretary

List of Attendees

Lucy Bottorff
Naomi Hay
James Walker

Kelly Robinson
Preston Fore
Phil Iannarone

Judy Phillips
Tara Waldrop
Dayonna Carson

Heather Randolph
Randy Crawford
Zoey Greene

Barney Ottinger
Cassandra Castillo
Jack Graham