

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

The September meeting of the Chattanooga Central High School Alumni Association was held September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. President, Lucy Bottorff called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the Association members were invited to attend the first few minutes of the open house that took place in the gym. The Central choir performed two songs under the direction of Katheron Latham. They were using the new sound system recently acquired for their department.

Introductions were made. Lucy recognized Senior Class President and member of the Homecoming Court, Janai Blakemore. This is her first alumni meeting.

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 \$11,780.11. The total fund balance is: \$15,356.21. There were \$3,610.00 total deposits this month and \$1,162.44 in total debits. A donor made a double payment on PayPal by accident. The second payment of \$100 was refunded to the donor. The money was never deposited into the account, so it will not show up on the monthly report. However, a record of it is reported here. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kelly Robinson. Buffy seconded. Motion passed. David Sharp wanted to mention that Tara is doing a wonderful job in the treasurer's position.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Phil Iannarone announced that student enrollment had leveled off with 830 students. Central won their last football game against Sequoyah. The benchmark testing is coming up and takes place every quarter. It is aligned with the state. Central is a Level 3 school. We are working toward Level 5. There was growth in all six of the testing areas. The school struggles with chronic absenteeism. One out of 5 students are absent on any given day to equal about 10 percent. This means there are about 17 days missed by the student. The school works with the State of Tennessee to combat truancy.

Next week is college week! They have had one senior success day. The ACT will be taken on Tuesday of benchmark testing week. The PSAT will be taken on October 16th. Fall Break is from October 7th – 14th and the Homecoming game will be held on October 18th.

STUDENT REPORT

Sophomore Class President, Jack Graham said they are preparing for the quarterly benchmark testing in October. They are off to a good start this year. There are about 250 sophomores in his class.

Zoey Greene, Junior Class Secretary stated that the class representatives stayed the same this year. Several students are taking AP classes. There are about 210 – 215 students in their class this year.

Senior Class President, Janai Blakemore said they have about 237 students in their class this year. They are planning a year-end trip to Six Flags for their senior trip.

OLD BUSINESS

Lucy said David Tittle sent website information to her which included snapshots of sites he had created. Tara said she has a meeting with someone from Lee University about our site.

John Crawford said the Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF) BBQ dinner is beginning at 5:30pm. Everything is in order and ready to go. Everyone has responded. Tickets are still available. The headcount is at 90 and we will be preparing a check for Rib and Loin in the amount of \$715.00. Tara said that in November of last year we were billed \$84.78 for the use of cafeteria workers that helped with

the SHOF event. There was much discussion about reimbursing the cafeteria workers for their time spent on the event helping us. Phil Iannarone said he will find the documentation to present members of the Association that addresses payment to HCDE workers for outside events. However, he does confirm cafeteria workers cannot be paid by the Alumni Association in addition to what HCDE pays them since they work for the district.

John said he will be a guest on Talk Radio Tuesday at 6:15pm to speak about the SHOF event. Brian Smith, of News Channel 9 will emcee this year. The Alumni football players sponsored the pre-game meal for the players for this game. There will be activities on the field in honor of the "50th on 58" festivities. John recognized the SHOF committee for all their help this year. Phil will put the "50th on 58" information on the marquee for the SHOF event and again next week for the golf tournament. Lucy will also send out an email blast highlighting the upcoming events.

Judy Phillips said we now have 16 confirmed teams for the golf tournament! James Walker may have one more. Tara said the press release went out for the golf tournament, BBQ dinner/SHOF, and the "50th on 58." Barney will make an appearance on This N' That for the SHOF and golf tournament. The show is on at 12:30pm daily. Registration forms went out to all local golf courses. And 99 save-the-date cards were mailed out. David Champion will be donating lunch for the event and Judy will pick up the food. Judy went over all the committee assignments. Phil gave a \$100 donation to the golf tournament, taken up by faculty and staff of the school!

Buffy brought out bricks that had arrived to show the engraving on them. Tara went over ordering for the bricks. They can be paid by PayPal, check, or cash. Lucy wants to challenge each graduating class to purchase a brick.

Buffy said there are no more tickets available for purchase to the "50th on 58" event to be held at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center. None will be sold at the door. Five-hundred stainless mugs were purchased as party favors and will be given out at the door to ticketholders. The doors open at 6pm for check-in and the reunion is from 7pm – 11pm.

Buffy said the stars on the newly found flag are sewn on and not embroidered. At this time, they are trying to authenticate the flag.

NEW BUSINESS

Buffy announced that she has now located 3 keys to the Alumni Association post office box and she has them in her possession.

Barney introduced the vice principals, Steve Lewis and Michelle Cochran. He asked them to speak regarding the comments on Facebook recently. Mr. Iannarone reiterated Central has had the same dress code for 22 years, give or take some minor changes over the years. He says he believes the dress code and discipline policy must stay consistent. Guidelines and structure are needed to ensure order. No one person makes decisions about discipline issues. The leadership team consists of the principal, vice principals, as well as select counselors and teachers. Decisions are made as a team addressing inappropriate behavior. Students are given ample opportunity to correct behavior and they know the consequences of their behavior. Tara asked, "At what point will the student(s) be removed from class or the school?" Mr. Iannarone said the Code of Acceptable Conduct for grades 6 – 12 is what Hamilton County uses to address all situations within the system. He passed around copies to the Association members for review. Safety of students is always the first priority. Academic progress is the next priority. There will not be chaos. Kids cannot learn in a chaotic environment. He and his team want to give every student the opportunity to learn and participate. There was much discussion about pep rallies, dress code items, and mirrors as commented recently on Facebook. The mirrors have been restored. Mr. Iannarone and his team welcome parental involvement and input from parents and students.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was a request on Facebook for a 1966 t-shirt. Right now, there have not been any shirts located matching the request.

The class of 1960 has set a date for their 60th class reunion. It will be held April 25, 2020 at the Mountain City Club. The cost will be \$40 per person.

Because the next meeting would be over fall break, Buffy made a motion for the next alumni meeting to be held on October 3rd. Tara seconded. Motion passed.

Buffy wanted to thank Mr. Iannarone and Melinda Martin for allowing her to work on campus this year. She announced that the box of records has been found and has been moved to the 40th street facility so they can be microfilmed.

Lucy stated that Mr. Snyder is planning another Senior Success Event to be held on November 13th. He would like to attend the meeting in October, so he can go over plans this year.

Lucy and Naomi Hay announced there could be an additional scholarship opportunity available.

Lucy announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

David Sharp made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Lucy seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly D. Robinson
Secretary

List of Attendees

Vivian Pettigrew
Judy Phillips
Buffy Hoge
Janai Blakemore
Melinda Martin

Kelly Robinson
Tara Waldrop
Barney Ottinger
Sasha Dunklin
Brielle Farrow

David Sharp
John Crawford
Zoey Greene
Michelle Cochran

Heather Randolph
Pam Miller
Jack Graham
Phil Iannarone

Naomi Hay
Kathy Ratz
Lucy Bottorff
Steve Lewis