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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Location: Candlelite Inn Restaurant – Arlington, Texas

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 7:01pm, followed by Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Erica Garcia read November Minutes. Michael Mullen moved to accept the minutes as read; Jay Thomas second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison read November-December Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept treasurer's report as read; Bob Callas second; motion approved.
- Sheila Young
 - 2017 Holiday Party was held at J. Gilligan's. \$500 worth of donations were collected for the Texans Helping Texans Program. Staff and faculty had a great time. We plan on continuing this yearly tradition.
 - 2017 Spring Fling will be March 24th.
 - Don't forget to start thinking about what you want to donate.
 - Acknowledgment that Brenda Baumann, who played a big part in collecting donations for fling and participated in our alumni events, has passed. We thank her greatly for her contributions and will miss her.
- Judy Thomas
 - Provided major recap of our 2017 accomplishments, including the following donations and purchases from the alumni...
 - 42 long sleeved shirts from alum Laurie Flynn \$41
 - 250 t-shirts from UTA Halloween Casino Night \$1,250
 - North Texas Giving Day fundraising \$2,335
 - 350 t-shirts from Ken Gaston Memorial Cross Country Meet \$1,050
 - 200 new hoodies in assorted sizes/colors (alum purchase) \$600
 - 2 clothing racks donated by Arlington Urban Ministries
 - 4 new 5' double clothing racks with casters and sizing dividers (alum purchase) \$280
 - Baby formula, diapers, wipes, bottles for the Sam PEP program from Walmart \$15,974.38, coordinated by Brenda Wolf
 - Shoes, socks, shirts, underwear, feminine hygiene products, and jeans for FIT program from Walmart \$5,644.94, coordinated by Brenda Wolf
 - World Vision Membership (Teacher Resource) (alum purchase) \$50
 - World Vision Membership (Warehouse) from World Vision \$300
 - 8 large bags full of socks and underwear collected at holiday party \$500
 - 5 FIT angels and 1 PEP Angel adopted by alumni
 - 26 Thanksgiving meals and 16 turkeys from GameStop, coordinated by Nicia Harrison

- 10 Thanksgiving turkeys (alum purchased), coordinated by Nicia Harrison
 - 14 FIT Angels adopted by GameStop, coordinated by Nicia Harrison
 - 1 business sponsorship from McKnight Insurance, coordinated by Melynda Merrifield \$1,000
 - \$2,000 raised for FIT program clothing, coordinated by Melynda Merrifield
 - \$2,755 raised for a Secret Santa project for FIT program, coordinated by Melynda Merrifield
- Brenda Allen Wolf
 - Provided Texans Rangers Grant update: Brenda met with Mr. B on Monday, January 8th. Texas Rangers Foundation wanted to meet with the school for a special presentation/assembly. It would be scheduled for January 18th at 1:00pm. (See flyer/facebook event.) Photos, interviews, etc would be part of this event. Counsellmember Roxanne Thalman is confirmed to attend.
 - One concern from the coaches that came up is that both softball and baseball have major needs, including pitching machines, sheds, and some of walkway in that are as it get muddy in the spring season. There are liability issues with association purchasing equipment on our own. Equipment has to be purchased through AISD with approved vendors. Players plan to assist in whatever way they can, and AISD can help with installation of equipment.
 - Brenda suggested we write two checks - \$5,000 each- to Softball and Baseball for equipment only. She also suggested we form a committee to raise funds and find sponsors for the beautification of the area. The amount needed is about \$2,500.
 - Claudia mentioned she has a potential alumni source for fencing.
 - February 10th is the alumni baseball game, which the coaches are coordinating.
 - We have 1 year to complete the grant and report back to the Texas Rangers Foundation.
 - Discussed the idea of making the first district game a big event for all- decorate, invite alumni, cookout, invite the Texas Rangers Foundation. This is to be decided, depending on completing the project.
 - Discussed a Work Day with volunteers and students to help with beautification.
 - Talks about a work day with volunteers and students (baseball/softball teams) to help with beautification. Committee would have to be ready to go with approvals of what to plant, all materials, etc. We're okay to do things that aren't structural (painting, etc is okay).
 - Bob motioned that we accept Brenda's idea of writing checks for \$5,000 to Softball program and \$5,000 to Baseball program; Jayme Thomas second; motion approved.
 - Bob motioned to form committee whose purpose is the beautification project, including coordinating fundraising and equipment pick-up, as well as deciding a work day; Melynda Merrifield second; motion approved.
 - Chair: Bob Callas
 - If you know of anyone with a passion for this project/baseball/SHHS baseball, coordinate with Bob Callas and Brenda Wolf.

- Lynn Watson's brother owned a turf business.
 - Checks would be issued immediately and provided to SHHS if Mr. B approved.
- General Comments
 - Class of 1982 gold tournament is set for March 31st at Tangle Ridge Golf Club in Grand Prairie! Tee off is at noon. Like the SHHS Texans Class of 82 facebook for more information. (Judy Thomas)
 - Soccer has been ranked #1 in nation and in another poll, ranked #2 in the nation. Please support their games! (Melynda Merrifield)
 - 143 people were at the January Arlington Chamber of Commerce meeting and Darla attended on behalf of alumni. Dr. Reich (board of trustees AISD) encouraged organizations to become active like our association. Mayor also mentioned us. The community is aware of what we have accomplished. (Darla Peznell)
 - Cinderella Ball update: unfortunately, the committee did not select our SHHS rep, but we appreciate her willingness to participate and are extremely proud of everything she has accomplished as a SHHS Texan. She is a true representation of Sam Houston. (Darla Peznell)
 - Concern over having February General Meeting on Valentine's Day. If we choose to be at Candlelite Inn, we would have to share the room. Suggestion to move meeting to Wednesday, February 7th. None opposed. Someone would need to form Spring Fling committee for Sheila, since she will not be there.
 - Melynda moved to move meeting from February 14th to February 7th at Candlelite Inn; Laura Heymann second; motion approved.
 - Bob is working with someone at Bus Barn to get space for Bell at no charge and coordinate pick-ups. (Bob Callas)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.