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November General Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7pm

Location: Angelo's Pizza, Pasta, and Spaghetti – Arlington, Texas

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Heymann, Darla Peznell, Erica Garcia, Jayme Thomas, Brenda Allen Wolf

Board Members Not in Attendance: N/A

Additional Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

**The President and Secretary were present at the meeting.*

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 7:02pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- SHHS Principal – Juan Villarreal
 - Thanked the association for the Principal's Discretionary Fund fall donation. There were some funds left over, and they will be used to support the Spring sports.
 - The first formative assessment was completed and results came in. SHHS reached 80% and if they continue this momentum, they could be a score of "B" in the final testing.
 - Tardy policy is holding students accountable. Mr. V is also focusing on supporting the faculty and staff, so they can accomplish great things with the kids.
 - Mr. V meets with all the student organizations' Presidents for their feedback. This is called his "President's Round Table." He shared one student's story and was able to encourage it into an ongoing mission of continuing to change the perception and culture of SHHS. Stepping up to the challenge, the ROTC President created a program for Veterans' Day to honor faculty and staff who had previously served in the military. The program went great, and it was extremely well-received. SHHS will share videos/photos online.
 - Division 1 soccer player, Jose Ortiz, signed to play soccer at SMU. Congrats to Jose!
 - If there is a tradition that is no longer practiced at SHHS, please share it with us so Mr. V can see if there is a way to bring it back.
 - New marquee has been installed!
- SHHS Girls' Basketball – Coach Bailey
 - Thanked us for our help with last year's *Tall Texan Tournament*.
 - This year's tournament (next week) is the largest, and she needs VOLUNTEERS! There will be 50 games in 3 days. Games will be in all the gyms. This is the last tournament under Coach Bailey's reign, as she will be retiring next school year. Help is needed at the gates, hospitality area, concessions.
 - Winner of tournament will be publicized and become Team of the Week on the Dallas' Wings social media.
- Laura Heymann announced that September Minutes were posted online. Nicia Dibben motioned to accept the minutes as posted; motion was seconded by Al Critz; motion approved.
- Jayme Thomas read September-October Treasurer's Report. Pat Graham motioned to accept the report as read; motion was seconded by Melody Rushing; motion approved.
 - There was a discussion over current budget, which was approved at August General Meeting. The board provided a breakdown of the "SHHS Support" category and fulfilled

ASAs for the year. Laura explained that the board was requesting to amend the line to \$9k instead of the current \$6k. There was an open discussion with attendees.

- Pat Graham motioned to amend budget line item for SHHS Support category to \$9k; motion was seconded by Jody Graham; motion approved.
- Brenda Allen Wolf
 - Historian Project

In the past, the association has attempted to put together a committee to record the history and traditions of SHHS so that they can continue to live on. The current board is making this a priority to complete this term. The project will help us reach out to 50+ years of classmates. A completed booklet, or something similar, can be shared with any future principals so they can learn about our history.

 - Brenda provided a document that is a draft of potential questions to ask of our alumni (not just members; but any who attended SHHS). If someone is not comfortable with writing, we can also set up a video recording session. Brenda is also looking for volunteers who are into history/genealogy to visit Fielder House to take notes, photos, etc.
 - Based on feedback from attendees, Brenda will update document. It will be available online and as a hard copy.
- President's Announcements – Laura Heymann
 - September-October Recap
 - North Texas Giving Day was a hit! The monies raised will fully fund the Texans Helping Texans Program for the year.
 - We fulfilled the following Texans Helping Texans Program requests:
 - Another round of requests from the PEP Sponsor's Amazon Wish List
 - Provided donations to cover lunch for the October Parent Café
 - Provided snacks for the FIT Sponsor's office
 - We provided snacks and drinks to fill up the Sunshine Committee cart as part of Staff Appreciation.
 - We set up coffee on auto-ship for the SHHS Coffee Bar.
 - We fulfilled the following Alumni Support Applications:
 - Purchased new band mallets
 - Provided funds for a rental to get the girls wrestling team to a state tournament in January
 - Provided funds for t-shirts for the PALs program, where SHHS students visit and mentor students at feeder elementary school campuses
 - Provided funds for the Tex-Annes & Dance Company to visit the Museum of Science and Industry when they will be in Chicago in the spring for classes
 - Provided funds for the Alternative Curriculum/Senior Skills department to prep and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal
 - Provided giftcards for El Mariachi Tejano de Sam Houston's raffle to help them raise even more funds (funds will allow them to attend a workshop in Albuquerque)
 - Our alumni and friends raised over \$2,500 for scholarships at Fall Fling.
 - We cleaned out and updated the alumni showcase at the school.
 - Darla and Dennis raised \$110 for the Girls' Wrestling Kiss the Goat fundraiser at the last pep rally.
 - Fall Fling Recap
 - The fling had lower attendance than previous years, but there were various events going on and many regulars were unavailable.
 - March 21, 2020 is Spring Fling! Mark your calendars! Please invite your classmates and friends. Also, anyone interested in being on the committee can reach out to the board.

- First round of polo shirt orders were ready for pick-up. Supporters can continue to purchase polo shirts online as they're fulfilled every 4-6 weeks.
- SHHS Marquee Pickup
 - The board was looking for someone to pick up 4 marquees at SHHS. With the new electronic marquee installed, the school donated the old marquees to the association to raise funds.
 - The marquees are both the ones that had been outside of the current campus, as well as those found when SHHS was at the old Hutch. They are not heavy; made of thin metal and about 10 feet long, 3-4 feet tall.
 - Jerry Graham will see if he can fit them in his trailer and move them to the storage unit. If he can't, Dennis Brown and Mike Heymann are other options.
- Holiday Party DJ/Karaoke
 - Annual Holiday Party was scheduled for December 11th at J. Gilligan's. There was open discussion about how this event should be moving forward.
 - Claudia Perkins motioned to cancel the association's Holiday Party and instead support the Christmas Around the World event at SHHS (scheduled for December 12th); motion seconded by Melody Rushing; motion approved.
- Angel Tree
 - Thanks to Nicia Dibben and her Gamestop family, 50 angels have already been adopted for Christmas.
 - Student Council still has some angels up for adoption. If you're interested in adopting a student, please email us at info@shstexans.org for instructions.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.