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## January General Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7pm

Location: Angelo's Pizza

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sheila Ivy Young, Jayme Thomas, Laura Heymann, Brenda Allen, Melynda Merrifield, Claudia Perkins

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Bob Callas

**Additional Attendees:** 32 members, see sign-in sheet

\*President and Secretary present at meeting.

- Welcome/Call to Order
  - President calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm
  - Acknowledgements to new members in attendance, including the Class of 2009, who are celebrating their 10-year reunion this year.
- Members participate in Pledge of Allegiance
- Sheila Ivy Young
  - Special remarks about the passing of Judy Thomas, graduate of 1965 charter class, teacher for 39 years at SHHS and board member & volunteer for SHHS Alumni.
  - Celebration of Life for Judy Thomas
  - Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at SHHS Auditorium at 10am
  - Service is open to the public and alumni are encouraged to attend. Reserved seating will be at the front right of the auditorium.
- Members observe a Moment of Silence
- Minutes
  - Defer approval of October minutes to February meeting.
  - Melynda Merrifield reads November minutes. Michael Ledford motions to approve, Claudia Perkins seconds. Minutes approved as read.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Jayme Thomas presents report. Balance of checking as of January 14, 2019 is \$17,036.44. Balance of Savings as of January 14, 2019 is \$3,720.35.
  - Laura Heymann motions to approve as read, Al Critz seconds. Treasurer's report approved.
- Big Sam Update by Principal Benavides
  - Thanks Alumni for all the support of Sam and the impact on teachers and students is felt
  - Mid point through the year, projected to have 3,700 students which is the largest in the district
  - Actively visiting feeder schools to promote SHHS
  - Soccer season just started and half way through basketball season
  - Goalie kicked this amazing half way shot at last game that received some press coverage and some national exposure. <https://sportsday.dallasnews.com/high-school/high-schools/2019/01/13/watch-arlington-sam-houstons-jose-ortiz-scores-incredible-goal-kickoff>
  - Started year with a decrease in ELA scores but a 10% increase in math scores
  - \$1.7M in scholarships for seniors already awarded

- Told faculty, think beyond what district and state are giving us, need to look beyond and not wait to take action
- SHHS Alumni really helps to fill the gap for us since we don't have a PTA/PTO
- Everything is prepared for the memorial for Saturday. The Thomas family is very special. Judy's contributions are profound. She had strong opinions; we differed in ideas but always had the same goals in mind. Forever grateful for her leadership. We will continue to live up to her legacy to lift up the students of Sam Houston.
- Kenneth Vaughn, Special Guest Speaker
  - Tom Vandergriff Night of Champions is annual fundraiser hosted by the Arlington Athletic Hall of Honor, 501c3, on May 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent
  - Recognize athletics in Arlington
  - Organization started in 2016, when Kevin Ozee was athletic director of AISD, to honor coaches, administrators, and former players
  - This year honoring players from the 50's, 70's, 90's
  - The Unsung Hero Award, committee works on the nominations and use point system
  - 1973 SHHS State Semi Finalist Team is the selected to receive an award
  - Established 2 scholarships
  - Concert in September at Arlington Music Hall
  - Go to Facebook page to pull up video of banquet from last year. Page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Arlington-Athletic-Hall-of-Honor-Foundation-723688464487621/>
  - How can SHHS Alumni help? Buy tickets and/or tables to banquet and sign up to some volunteer to help out at the event
- Carol Ann Oldham, Special Guest Speaker
  - Takes care of event logistics for the Night of Champions event
  - Open opportunities to volunteer at event and connect SHHS from past and present
  - Sign up sheets are available to fill out if interested
- Sheila Ivy Young, President at 7:28pm
  - Al Critz has resigned. Vice President position is open through May.
    - Jayme Thomas nominates Laura Heymann from the floor, Michael Mullen seconds. President takes vote. All in favor for Laura Heymann to fill vacancy for Vice President through end of board term? 32 – Yes; 0 – No.
- Al Critz, Spring Fling update
  - Raised \$3,200 at 2018 Fall Fling
  - Al will be donating two kids bicycles
  - Themed baskets do very well and we are looking for donations.
  - Team effort to head up the fling. Sheila, Jayme and Melynda will help to collect donations.
- Brenda Allen, Secretary
  - Pass out copies of proposed bylaws to membership in attendance.
  - Review significant changes: Adjustment to board term and election process. Addition of Assistant Secretary and removal of Public Relations Chair and Social Chairman. Add role of Immediate Past President and board appointments. Additions to sections on conducting business and definitions.
    - Michael Mullens makes motion to post proposed bylaws to be voted on at next meeting, Jay Thomas seconds and motion carries. No opposed. Bylaws to be added to February agenda and hold vote to adopt.
- Laura Heymann, Appointed PR Chairman and newly elected VP
  - Dan Dipert Career & Tech Center is hosting a special event
    - 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders feed into SHHS are having a Career Exploration Night
    - Looking for volunteers to sign up.
    - Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/516915852048495/>
- Jay Thomas motions to adjourn and Michael Mullen seconds. Motion carries.