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**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

**Location:** Candlelite Inn Restaurant – Arlington, Texas

**Attendees:** See Sign-In Sheet

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 7:00pm, followed by Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Erica Garcia read October Minutes. Jayme Thomas moved to accept the minutes as read; Laura Heymann second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison read October Treasurer's Report. Laura Heymann moved to accept treasurer's report as read; Sheila Young second; motion approved.
- Mr. B
  - Updated enrollment numbers for Sam Houston. As of November, they were at 3,648 students, which is the largest school in Tarrant County according to the Star-Telegram.
  - The new buildings would be ready the following week, except for the auditorium. All auditoriums in AISD high schools will be modeled after Martin HS's (standard). New cafeteria would be ready the first week of December and had a capacity to sit 1,200 students. Also would have large screen TVs and sound system. Old cafeteria will be converted to 8 science labs, 1 art room, and 4 classrooms. It should be completed by March 2018, at which point the temporaries in the parking lot would be remove and the lot renovated.
  - Basketball season has started and schedule is on SHHS website.
  - Updated on discipline records and history. This point last year, there were 1,000 records on file. This year, that number is down to 510 with even more kids enrolled. SHHS staff and faculty is working on building relationships to help with social and emotional intelligence to lower incidents. They have also graduated more kids and maintained better enrollment numbers as students promote through the grade levels.
  - Half of the students at the Career Tech Education Center are SHHS students, and they have a great opportunity there.
  - New agricultural center will be built and there will be a class at SHHS.
- Class of 1977
  - Three members of the Class of 77 (Mike Ledford, Debbie Ritter of All American Awards, and Rene Martin) presented the NEW scholarship plaque! The association bought the plaque but All American Awards/Class of 77 provided in-kind donation to engrave ALL names of scholarship winners thus far.
  - Rene thanked various alumni for their help at the reunion. This included Brenda Dietrich, Claudia Perkins, Melody Rushing, David Inman, and Myra Mead.
  - The reunion committee auctioned off their centerpieces to raise money for donations.

- For the alumni Texans Helping Texans Program, a check for \$200 (food pantry).
  - For Mr. B/SHHS, a check for \$1,341.50 for the Principal's Fund.
- Sheila Young
  - 2017 Fall Fling has added \$4,232.95 to our scholarship fund for the year. This includes donations from the Class of 1967 and 1982.
  - The 2017 Holiday Party would be December 13 at J. Gilligan's. Alumni and SHHS faculty/staff invited. Donations for the Texans Helping Texans Program would be highly encouraged – travel size toiletry items and new packages of socks and underwear. There would also be door prizes and Pete Cavazos of SHHS would be asked to help with entertainment/karaoke. Ugly Sweater Contest also coming back for second year.
  - TENTATIVE date for Spring Fling is March 24, 2018.
- Claudia Perkins
  - Arlington Urban Ministries donated 2 clothing racks for the Texans Helping Texans Program to hang all clothing. 200 hoodies (purchased at \$3 each) are being donated. Students are organizing and hanging clothing.
  - There was a donation from the family member of a SHHS alumni for brand new pajamas with tags. Some fit the needs of the FIT program, and all other pajamas were donated to elementary schools that are in the SHHS network.
  - Melynda Merrifield has been coordinated with class \mates and raised a total of \$1,516 for clothing/food items.
  - SHHS Veterans Day program would be scheduled for Friday, November 10 at 10am. Melynda and Earl Merrifield donated new flag and set of DVDs to SHHS.
- Jayme Thomas
  - An Angel Tree was created by SHHS for the Families in Transition students, with alumni signing up for multiple angels. Thank you to all who supported this effort. All angels were adopted for the holidays.
  - Key Club would be having a All You Can Eat Chilli event; you could contact Jayme for more details.
- General Comments
  - Roxanne Thalman (city representative for southeast Arlington) spoke to the President of the Seguin HS football booster club. Roxanne shared what the alumni does and how, as the booster club was needing help with organizing and encouraging donations. Roxanne feels we are a GREAT example to the community! (Roxanne Thalman)
  - Maria Alvarado was collecting donations for the Peace Officers Angel Foundation, which helps injured law enforcement officers. If interested, contact Maria – information on flyer handed out. (Melody Rushing)
  - There is a potential SHHS cinderella candidate for 2018. She can be the face of SHHS and represent what our alma mater truly is. Her application would be submitted. The Cinderella Ball benefits the Arlington Boys and Girls Club. (Darla Peznell)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.