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Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Location: Angelo's Pizza, Steak, and Spaghetti – Pantego, Texas

Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

- Darla Peznell: Welcome and Call to Order at 7:02pm
- Darla Peznell: Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- Darla Peznell
 - Announced Public Relations Chair vacancy. If any member in good standing is interested in the position, they can contact the Board at info@shhstexans.org. We are looking for someone to have knowledge of social media and be active during the alumni scholarship process in the spring.
 - Announced absence of Parliamentarian Bob Callas, and appointed Melynda Merrifield as acting Parliamentarian for November General Meeting.
- Erica Garcia: Minutes
 - Melynda Merrifield moved to accept the October minutes as read; Mike Mullen second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison: Treasurer's Report
 - Sheila Young moved to accept October treasurer's report as read; Melynda Merrifield second; motion approved.
- Mr. Benavides
 - ApplyTexas report showed SHHS was 3rd highest with number of students applying to college (behind Mansfield Summit and Martin).
 - School is making good progress to meet proficiency and literacy standards. The goal is to eliminate barriers and help the students graduate in 4 years or less.
 - Football season is over, and fine arts competitions are starting with UIL. Basketball has also started.
 - Registration for AP/IB classes is up, and AISD was recognized by the White House Cabinet Secretary and My Brother's Keeper Taskforce Chair. More information available on the AISD website: http://www.aisd.net/FrntNews_single.aspx?Article_ID=2183.
- Al Critz
 - Announced special gift to Mr. Benavides: a 5-burner grill for SHHS events!
 - Mentioned that the Class of 1967 is beginning their plans for an October 2017 reunion. More details to come.
- Sheila Young
 - Fall Fling raised a total of \$3,797.63 that will be allocated to scholarship funds for the year.
 - Thanked volunteers who worked the Class of 1976 reunion the previous weekend.
 - Working on Holiday Party. This year, the party will include an invitation to the teachers of SHHS. Will reach out to Judy Thomas for assistance. Possibly have a

Christmas sweater competition. Party will be held at a bigger place for a fun/relaxing environment and party atmosphere as opposed to just a sit-down dinner with alumni business only as we've done in previous years.

- General Comments:
 - Posting PR Chair vacancy to Facebook.
 - Approximate Fall Fling totals posted to Facebook earlier to keep alumni and friends aware of funds raised.
 - Opportunities to recognize volunteers at Holiday Party or future meetings.
 - Reminder to track volunteer hours at <http://www.trackitforward.com/site/shhs-alumni-association>. Register and log your hours on the Track It Forward website. This tracking helps Mr. Benavides to show the district the amount of hours that SHHS alumni and friends are dedicating to the school.
 - If any help is needed to set-up or log hours, please contact the Board at info@shstexans.org.
 - Suggestion to place all future Fling raffle baskets behind the DJ/on the stage and hold until the end of the night.
- Motion to adjourn made by Melynda Merrifield; David Inman second; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.