



SHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION • P.O. BOX 14415 • ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76094

February 12, 2014

Location: Danielita's Mexican Restaurant

In Attendance: See sign in sheet

7:00 pm Bob Callas calls meeting to order

- Introduction of presenters

Brenda announces minutes posted www.shhstexans.org

- Jay Thomas makes motion to approve minutes as written, Brenda D. seconds

Laura Heymann, Treasurer reads report

- Karen makes motion to approve as is, Brenda Dietrich seconds

Kayla Sims, Junior League of Arlington

- Explains how Glass Slipper Boutique works
- Currently have over 500 dresses to choose from
- Turns center into boutique for shopping day complete with accessories & shoes
- On day of prom, Paul Mitchell Hair School, will do make-up and hair
- Dress drive through March 31st and Happy Hour on Feb. 20th
- Shopping day is April 5th, volunteers needed
- Donations needed for goodie bags

Matt Hayes, Precinct 7 Justice of the Peace

- Moved truancy court to SHHS and has higher turnout
- Attendance improving and benefiting entire community

[Truancy Court at Sam Houston High Offers Brighter Hope for Students and Taxpayers](#)

7:36pm Principal Benavides

- Attendance and grades improving
- High mobility rate for students
- Next year capacity expected to exceed 3400+ students
- Sam needs community support and infrastructure
- Teacher & student education in conflict resolution and coping skills
- Double block athletics to allow students to compete with other schools
- Trey Hillman was awesome and the kids enjoyed his visit
- Thanks to Darla and the others the PTA at Sam is legitimized organization
- Top 20% of graduates, auto entry to UTA
- Estimated cost of Senior Prom is \$28k, currently have \$11k
 - Could use photographer
 - Location is Collins Center

8:00pm Becky

- Speaker series is going well, looking for additional people for 30-60 minute spots in March during testing week

8:12pm Sheila

- Food pantry moving along and doing great
- Food is going fast and Ms. Jones is very appreciative

8:23pm Claudia Perkins

- Student Alumni Night at UTA
 - 100 free tickets
 - Feb. 27th at 7:30pm
 - 9th graders campus tour & tailgating
- Fielder House exhibit coming up, need volunteers to help

8:30pm Darla

- Student Achievement Breakfast will be held off-site at church
- Darla met with Mr. Bustos regarding scholarships and career tech programs
- Melynda to edit scholarship for special education scholarship
- Goal is to give out 3 scholarships total including 1 for a special education student.
- Post poll on Facebook for essay question

Questions for alumni

- Create business sponsorships
- Post scholarship/matrix
- Mr. B to determine who is active AISD volunteer
- Need donations for spring fling and baskets
- Top ten reasons to come to Spring Fling, post countdown on Facebook

8:06pm Becky Walker Phillips

- Winter Clothing Drive
 - Big thank you to everyone who donated and helped
 - 230 coats donated, 50 hats, 71 gloves, etc.
 - Very successful and much appreciated by students & faculty
- Speaker Series
 - Coach Criss & Mr. Benavides

8:10pm Bob Callas

- Any new business?
- Motion to adjourn
 - Judy Thomas makes motion, Jack seconds