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Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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.
- Judy Thomas shared the January edition of Southern Dallas Magazine that has Thasunda Brown Duckett on the cover with great story. Story opens with “I attended Sam Houston High School in Arlington.” Thanks to Mike Ledford for sharing the magazine with us. (<http://southerndallasmag.com/issues>)
- Erica Garcia read January Minutes. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept the minutes as read; Judy Thomas second; motion approved.
- Jayme moved to accept a delayed Treasurer’s Report to be presented in March; Melynda Merrifield second; motion approved.
- Judy Thomas/Sheila Young
 - Lots of volunteers needed for Spring Fling.
 - Three guys are needed at back doors of J. Gilligan’s. Everyone inside of the area anytime after 7pm needs to have paid and have a wristband.
 - Baskets will need to be put together earlier than the weekend before the fling. This will help in advertising online with photos and descriptions of baskets.
 - Claudia found Brenda Baumann’s handwritten notes of where she asked for gift cards, when to ask, who to ask, etc.
 - Contract Sheila for any pick-ups.
 - Suggestions included donating electronics or splitting donations with another alum.
 - Other items that are popular with the raffles:
 - Giftcards
 - Themed baskets
 - Alcohol
 - High-dollar baskets = more money.
 - Suggestion from Mike Ledford to auction off some items instead of including them in the raffle.
- Mike Ledford
 - Coach Hill is having track meet on Saturday, 2/17 at SHHS from 8am to 6pm. Volunteers would be needed for concession stands. For questions or to volunteer, speak with Mike.
- Judy Thomas
 - Scholarship Committee needs to be formed to begin working. Board members are automatically on the committee, but additional volunteers are requested. Sign-up sheet was passed around. To volunteer or for questions, please see Darla

or Judy.

- Mr. B
 - Temporary change in leadership. Associate principal Jacquelyn McClendon will be interim principal at Workman JH. Current principal is going elsewhere. 90% of Workman students feed into SHHS, and Mr. B recommended her to help stabilize Workman JH through this transition.
 - The dropout rate is currently 4%. It is still a challenge but is a decent number for the size of SHHS. It's a lower rate than in the past.
 - Preparing for 2018-2019 school year; only 50 students less expected. SHHS is the biggest school in district.
 - District wants to make sure all high schools are staffed properly. SHHS is going to be staffed at 92%. This percentage is a best guess. It's based on the number of students enrolled and the projection for next year. District doesn't want to overhire, but the number can change as needed.
 - District game for wrestling would be the weekend of Feb 17-18. Both the men and women's wrestling teams had qualifiers that would compete.
 - Star-Telegram wrote an article about the soccer team's #1 ranking in the nation. SHHS is the school that other teams want to beat, their "big game." Says a lot about passion from students and coaching staff. (<http://www.star-telegram.com/sports/dfwvarsity/boys-prep-soccer/article198646589.html>)
 - Boys and girls basketball is now more competitive with new coaches on board. Kids are representing SHHS well and have a lot of spirit.
 - 8 football players were signed to play college sports, as well as 2 students signed to play soccer. This is the most students SHHS has had at National Signing Day THIS early in the year. Usually there are more students signing later in the spring.
 - Baseball and softball seasons are starting soon.
 - There has been some realignment in UIL. The move now removes Mansfield and adds Young Men's Leadership Academy and Trimble Tech, which are both very small schools.
 - Homecoming has not been decided yet; but Mr. B will let us know when it's scheduled.
- General Comments
 - There is an SHHS student whose family had an apartment fire. They're in touch with FIT counselor, but the family has lost everything. The student is part of the Skills program. If anyone wants to contribute (money, giftcards, household items), please contact Jayme Thomas. She will coordinate to give to Sara Mayo at SHHS. Family includes the mother, father, SHHS student, younger sibling in junior high, and another younger sibling in elementary student. (Jayme Thomas)
 - Black History Month program will be February 24th at 5:30. (Jayme Thomas)
 - We are now honoring alumni in a couple ways – for classmates who have passed, there is a Facebook album. Please email or message the alumni page with a photo and any information so we can upload. We also have a page on our website at www.shhstexans.org/honoringalumni where there is a list of donations made in memoriam or in honor of alumni. (Erica Garcia)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.