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## **March General Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7pm**

**Location:** Angelo's Pizza

- Welcome & Call to Order
  - Sheila Ivy Young calls meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Membership says Pledge of Allegiance and observes a Moment of Silence.
- Minutes - Posted online at [shhstexans.org/documents](http://shhstexans.org/documents)
  - Laura Heymann motions to approve minutes as posted. Nicia Dibben seconds. Motion carries to approve minutes.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Brenda Allen presents treasurer's report. Balance in both accounts is \$27, 469.32. Laura Heymann motions to approve report as read, Melody Rushing seconds. Report approved.
- Principal Fernando Benavides gives Big Sam update.
  - Testing this week and high numbers in attendance. Soccer team in round 4 for playoffs. Schedule for Friday and Saturday is posted. Need to win this weekend to make it to state playoffs. No streaming of the event so please follow on twitter.
  - End of 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks and right now a lot of celebrating for the kids. 2019 already raised 8.5 Million in Scholarships! A few openings in core areas for teaching.
  - Graduation is June 9<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants a ticket, please request one. Alumni give a number and will get tickets. Looking at our 4 year graduation rate and college readiness rate are all increasing.
  - Looking at innovative ways to add enrichment programs like boxing to keep students engaged after school.
  - Next week having a meeting with all the principals from feeder pattern to help guide students even at the elementary level to start early with educational culture.
  - Melynda M. asks Mr. B if family that lost a special education student needs any support? Donations should go to Sara Mayo.
  - Mike Ledford, former Rankin Rebel, asks if any mentor programs? SHHS has a PALS program where high school students mentor elementary students and also football reads to students.
  - Laura Heymann mentions Boys & Girls Club in East Arlington that provides mentoring opportunities, volunteer opportunities and supports after school learning.
- Sheila Ivy Young provides Spring Fling recap.
  - Spring Fling had about 150 people attend and raised \$4,854.00.
    - \$1,600 was general donations including \$600 from Class of 1998.
- Brenda Allen reports on Memorial Scholarships.
  - Jayme Thomas had a prior commitment and asked Brenda to present details about Judy Thomas Scholarship. Beginning in 2019, \$1,000 scholarship annually for next ten years. Currently in the savings account, \$3,543.98 is dedicated to the scholarship for next 3 years. Scholarship should be awarded to a student pursuing education related degree and/or exhibited exceptional pride at SHHS.
  - Kevin Flynn presents \$1,000 check for Laurie Cree Flynn Scholarship. Laurie started

volunteering at a young age beginning as a candy striper in hospitals. She devoted years to volunteering to troops and students. Scholarship will be awarded to one student who exhibited outstanding service and volunteerism. Committed to fund for ten years at \$1,000 per year.

- Claudia Perkins, Election Committee Chair, presented slate.
  - Board candidates as slated:
    - President – Laura Heymann
    - Vice President – Darla Peznell
    - Secretary – Erica Garcia
    - Assistant Secretary – Brenda Allen Wolf
    - Treasurer – Jayme Thomas
    - Jay Thomas moves to approve slate submitted by Elections Committee. Nicia Dibben seconds. Slate approved as presented.
- Laura Heymann
  - Upcoming Events
    - Teacher Appreciation Week is 5/6 - 5/10 and alumni is providing lemonade and cookies. May need volunteers, be on the look out for a Volunteer Opportunity posted to Facebook.
    - Soccer Game is this Friday & Saturday for regional playoffs. Good luck Texans!
  - Good News Update
    - Nicia announces scholarship committee meeting after the general meeting and confirms members serving.
  - Adjournment
    - Jay Thomas moved to adjourn, Bob Callas seconds. Motion carries and meeting adjourns at 7:25 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by Brenda Allen Wolf on 4/15/19.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **May General Meeting & Elections**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7pm at Angelo's

### **Senior Awards Night**

Thursday, May 23, 2019

6:30pm at SHHS

### **Tom Vandergriff Night of Champions**

Thursday, May 30, 2018

5:30pm at St. Vincent de Paul