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**Wednesday, April 11, 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.
- Erica Garcia read March Minutes. Bob Callas moved to accept the minutes as read; Judy Thomas second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison read March Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept the report as read; Judy Thomas second; motion approved.
- Judy Thomas
  - Over 200 in attendance at the Spring Fling this past March! We saw lots of new faces, and it was great to connect with alumni we hadn't seen before.
  - Over \$4,000 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.
- Erica Garcia
  - If Letters of Intent were not submitted in person, they could be emailed to [info@shstexans.org](mailto:info@shstexans.org). Deadline would be midnight.
- Gerry Thomas
  - This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year to make corsages and boutonnieres for the Starry Night Prom, which is a prom for Arlington ISD students with significant disabilities. The Prom is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
  - There are approximately 150 students going to Prom that would need a corsage/boutonniere.
    - We need flowers, ribbon, and large squares of felt. Donations accepted.
    - The cost per corsage/boutonniere isn't a lot; we create them all using donations and volunteer time.
    - Crafting event would be Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Gerry's house.
  - Melynda Merrifield moved to pay for the corsages/boutonnieres materials from the \$500 budget line item and then donate what is left directly to the Prom; Jay Thomas second; motion approved.
- Judy Thomas
  - Requested volunteers for the Nomination Committee.
    - Committee was created and consists of Mike Ledford (lead), Claudia Perkins, Nicia Harrison, Mike Mullen, and Jay Thomas.
    - The committee lead would be forwarded the Letters of Intent and additional information via email.
  - Requested nominations for the Long Tall Texan Award. Nominations can be submitted to Bob Callas or Judy Thomas.
    - The committee also includes Mrs. Stewart (Coach Stewart's wife), Denece Newsom, and Jennifer Kopetzky.

- Nominees should be alumni who have served both the community and SHHS.
    - Committee will meet later to discuss nominations.
  - Discussion regarding the 2018 Fourth of July Parade:
    - Star Spangled Independence Day is the theme.
    - Michelle is working on a plan and hopes for two craft days to start early. We don't want to wait until the last minute to finish our float.
    - No bus barn is available this year. Floats can only go to the UTA parking lot the night before the parade. Judy is allowing us to work at her house.
    - Discussion regarding a separate trailer for alumni only (not alumni band). We haven't and probably don't do this because of the logistical/cost issues to rent a trailer.
    - Our current float came from Amarillo; it was given to Kimon Wherley. We paid for tires and new boards to restore it. We would like a storage place other than Kimon's driveway, but leasing a storage space is expensive.
    - If interested in joining Parade committee, reach out to Michelle and Judy. We have a facebook group for the committee to connect.
- Darla Peznell
  - Reach out to Darla if interested in joining Scholarship Committee, especially if you haven't served on it before.
  - Shandi Davis is preparing for May 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week.
    - On May 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be an annual baked potato lunch. We need 5 people from 10:15 to 1:30 to serve teachers. (We wouldn't need food or donations, just volunteers to serve. Event will be at SHHS.)
      - Volunteers:
        - Christy Wall
        - Mike Ledford
        - Brenda Dietrich
        - Judy Thomas
        - Jay Thomas
        - Michelle Thomas-Wherley
      - Darla Peznell will stay in contact and reach out to volunteers. Let her know if you're interested in serving.
    - We were also asked if we could set up a tea, lemonade, and cookie stand during another lunch. We would need to purchase these items.
      - Not sure which day. Darla will find out and coordinate volunteers.
      - There is a budget line item of \$150 for this event.
    - Claudia suggested using fling aprons when serving.
- General Comments
  - Requested update on the Small Business of the Year nomination. There are no updates as of meeting date. We should have more information at our May General Meeting. However, Darla has been attending Chamber meetings and events. She will reach out to the Chamber to see if people can attend the Luncheon event. (Claudia Perkins)
  - There is a Membership Committee starting in this summer. Suggestion to start thinking of 10 people (classmates, friends of SHHS) to call or email. Our goal is to have a Membership Drive to recruit. (Melynda Merrifield)

- Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.