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April General Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Heymann, Darla Peznell, Erica Garcia, Jayme Thomas

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jo Anna Cardoza

Additional Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

**The President and Secretary were present at the meeting.*

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 6:34pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Laura Heymann announced that March Minutes were posted online. There were no corrections offered, and therefore the Minutes were approved as posted.
- Speakers
 - No speakers attended.
- Admin Updates
 - Member Survey & Bylaw Review
 - Shared survey results and feedback sent to members.
 - Answers for ideal board term length were split evenly. Current board suggested to leave bylaw language as-is.
 - Answers to whether automatically re-elect board member in the same position and running opposed was a unanimous yes.
 - Answers to amounts of meetings per year leaned towards quarterly, but that option did not surpass 50% of votes. Again, current board suggested to leave bylaw language as-is.
 - Answers related to how general meetings should be hosted moving forward had a majority vote to keep online via Zoom. Some written-in answers suggested a hybrid model with both online and in-person meetings.
 - Nomination Slate
 - The board thanked the Elections Committee for their work on this task. This year's committee was formed by Laura Heymann, Erica Garcia, and Mike Mullen.
 - The committee submitted their nomination slate, and it is as follows...
 - President – Darla Peznell
 - Vice President – Fernando Benavides
 - Secretary – Brenda Allen Wolf
 - Treasurer – Jayme Thomas
 - Assistant Secretary – Jo Anna Cardoza
 - Members are also allowed to run from the floor during the May General Meeting, prior to the actual ballot election.
- Program Updates
 - Texans Helping Texans Program

- As of the March meeting, the association had donated about \$2,400 worth of items to the program.
 - The newest request asked for clothing racks to help organize various donated hoodies, shirts, and sweatpants for the FIT/PEP programs. Four (4) racks have been ordered, valued at \$448, and will be delivered to Cindy Newton by end of next week.
- Alumni Support Applications (ASAs)
 - As of the March meeting, the association had fulfilled about \$2,500 in requests, for a total of six (6) donations.
 - The newest request was from the Senior Class, who asked for funds to help supplement the cost of their Senior Prom venue. A check for \$1,500 was issued.
- Staff Appreciation
 - As of the March meeting, the association had fulfilled about \$1,748 in giving, ranging from snacks on testing days, coffee/creamer/sugar for the Coffee Bar, and food/gift cards for the Back-to-School Breakfast held in the Fall.
 - The newest requests have asked for support during Teacher Appreciation Week and Graduation. Details to come!
- School Spirit
 - No major updates since March. The association has continued to provide storage for the Big Sam Bell and are looking into whether the Water Tower will be upgraded through the Wilemon Field bond.
- Scholarships
 - Scholarship season is in full swing! So far, we have received approximately 40 applications, which is a new record!
 - Applications are due Thursday, April 14 by 3pm. This will allow the board time to process all documents, which includes putting together apps and letters of recommendations, requesting transcripts for scoring, redacting all names, uploading packets to website, and sharing with committee for review. The committee will meet via Zoom on Sunday, April 24 to finalize winners.
 - Recipients will be announced on Friday, May 13 (6:30pm) at Senior Awards Night.
 - Long Haul Texan Awards will be announced at the May General Meeting, and all inductees have been personally invited to Senior Awards Night for an in-person opportunity to receive their certificate and commemorative bell.
- Jayme Thomas shared March-April Treasurer's Report. All questions were answered by the Treasurer, and the Treasurer's Report was filed.
- No questions or comments.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.