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**June 10, 2015**

**Location: First Dixie Cafe, Arlington, TX**

- Darla Peznell: Welcome/Call to Order – 7:07pm
- Brenda Allen: Minutes – 7:08 pm
  - David Inman motions to approve, Judy Thomas seconds
- Nicia Harrison: Treasurer's Report – 7:09pm
  - Jayme Thomas motions to approve, Ashley Thomas seconds
- Darla Peznell
  - Past Scholarship Recipients – 7:11pm
    - Darla spoke with last year's scholarship recipients. They are all doing great! One student has a full-load of classes and is keeping up with grades while also working. They were great choices for the scholarship awards, and we are very happy to know they are doing well.
- Kylie Hill
  - Senior Awards Night/Scholarships Presentation – 7:12pm
    - Senior Awards Night went great! If you have not been to a recent ceremony, we suggest you attend to see the impact the scholarships and our help are making at SHHS.
    - \$6,000 awarded this year, and winners are listed at [www.shstexans.org/scholarships](http://www.shstexans.org/scholarships).
- Judy Thomas
  - 4th of July Parade – 7:13pm
    - We are looking for volunteers for the parade! Volunteer sign-up sheets available at the meeting. If you did not get a chance to sign-up, more information will be posted on Facebook soon.
  - Homecoming: Mini mums/photos – 7:14pm
    - Mini-mums: More information to come. (Potential fundraiser.)
    - Photo booth: Judy has a camera, printer, and photo paper. We can take photos of homecoming attendees with the Texan and print on-site for \$5 as a keepsake. (Potential fundraiser.)
  - New Volunteer Tracking – 7:16pm
    - We are now tracking ALL volunteer hours (starting July 2014)! Judy will serve as coordinator and will verify/approve hours.
    - Go to [www.trackitforward.com](http://www.trackitforward.com) to create an account and begin logging all volunteer hours. It only takes TWO minutes to sign-up and less than that to track your hours!
    - The website has apps available in the Apple Store and Google Play Store for FREE so you can track your hours on the go.
    - Go to [www.facebook.com/SHHSAlumni/events](http://www.facebook.com/SHHSAlumni/events) and click on Past Events. Use this as a guideline for tracking previous hours.

awards/recognition for those members who reach the milestones.

- Fall Fling – 7:20pm
  - Discussion over date and location for this year's Fall Fling.
  - Possible locations: J. Gilligan's or Fat Daddy's. Possible dates: October 3, October 10, or October 16.
  - Finalized details will be posted on Facebook AND website! If you have any suggestions, email us at [info@shhstexans.org](mailto:info@shhstexans.org) or [thomasjudy1965@gmail.com](mailto:thomasjudy1965@gmail.com).
- Class Reunions – 7:35pm
  - If you are interested in attending a class reunion as an alumni association representative, let Darla Peznell know! We would love a rep at each reunion to invite alum to our meetings/events.
  - Reunions are posted on [www.shhstexans.org/class-reunions](http://www.shhstexans.org/class-reunions) and on Facebook. Email us with reunion info to share!
- Brenda Allen
  - Website Updates – 7:38pm
    - Website is completely updated. Please visit [www.shhstexans.org](http://www.shhstexans.org)!
    - MERCH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! T-shirts and decals are for sale, and we can ship directly to your home. Visit [www.shhstexans.org/shop](http://www.shhstexans.org/shop).
  - Save the Date: North Texas Giving Day – 7:38pm
    - NTGD details are coming soon; mark your calendars - September 17, 2015!
- Sheila Ivy Young
  - Beyond Lunch Food Pantry Update – 7:39pm
    - Current needs include toiletries (travel-sizes) and snack foods.
    - We are looking for someone to help assist! Criteria: Flexible schedule, willing to shop for needed food/supplies, available for drop-off and to meet with the SHHS Social Worker at SHHS. Average of 10 hours/monthly.
- Mr. Benavides
  - End of Year Recap – 7:40pm
    - Total 2015 graduates were 668! SHHS had the second largest graduating class in AISD. Re-iterated requirements for diploma and graduation. Roughly 92% graduation rate.
    - There are programs available to assist students in getting diploma, and also in bringing back former students who would like to complete curriculum and received diploma.
    - SHHS students did well on their end-of-year scores and Mr. B saw an overall increase in passing rates.
    - Roughly 26 positions are open at SHHS (teachers, admins, etc.). Important new employee/position will be announced July 1 – stay tuned! SHHS is currently at 10 administrators for roughly 3,500 students.
    - There is a SUMMER graduation ceremony on August 11. It is for all AISD students that qualify for diploma during summer months.
    - Mr. B thanks the alumni for all of their support; and we thank him for all he does for our SHHS community! There are many good things to come for the SHHS students, faculty, & staff.
- Questions/Concerns?
  - Darla Peznell – 8:09pm: We have a 2015 grad in attendance! Frank Sanchez is a talented photographer and will have photos in August edition of Latino magazine. Welcome to the alumni family!

- Judy Thomas – 8:10pm: Jay Thomas and Mike Ledford stuffed alumni memberships information into all diploma envelopes for 2015 grads.
- Melynda Merrifield – 8:11pm: Don't forget about the CLASS CHALLENGE! Donate your class amount and let's see which class brings in the most donations! (i.e. Class of 2015 – donate \$20.15 | Class of 1965 – donate \$19.65 | Class of 2008 – donate \$20.08.)
- Adjournment – 8:12pm

## **NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>! (NO JULY MEETING)**

### **OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT SHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!**

- Annual and lifetime memberships available for sale!
- Shop online at **smile.amazon.com**.
- Retailers that give back: Target Credit Cards, Kroger #31481, and Tom Thumb #13407
- Merch available online: \$5 Window Decals, \$10 S-XL t-shirts, and \$12 2XL-3XL t-shirts!