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June General Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7pm

Location: Hosted live on Zoom

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

Board Members Not in Attendance: N/A

Additional Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

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

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 7:05pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Laura Heymann announced that May Minutes were posted online. Nicia Dibben motioned to accept the minutes as posted; motion was seconded by Melody Rushing; motion approved.
- Jayme Thomas read May-June Treasurer's Report. Melody Rushing motioned to accept the report as read; motion was seconded by Nicia Dibben; motion approved.
- Annual Budget Audit – Jayme Thomas
 - Jayme reviewed the 2019-20 approved budget along with the actual amounts spent to date. Each category was reviewed in detail and questions from the attendees answered. All categories came in underbudget.
- State of the Alumni – Laura Heymann
 - Reviewed our mission and acronym. Reminder that the SHHS Alumni Association is a registered 501(c)(3) organization in the state of Texas.
 - Benefits of Membership:
 - Ability to announce, debate, and vote on motions
 - Eligible to join committees throughout the year
 - Paid members can run for office in the Spring
 - Committees:
 - Budget (summer)
 - Staff Appreciation Planning Group (year-round)
 - North Texas Giving Day Planning Group (September – fundraiser)
 - Big Sam Bell (year-round)
 - Fling Planning Group (Fall and Spring – scholarship fundraisers)
 - Elections (spring)
 - Scholarships (spring)
 - Highlights:
 - Faculty & Staff Back to School Breakfast – encouraged ASAs at the event
 - North Texas Giving Day – raised \$5K in one day to support FIT & PEP programs
 - Long Haul Texan Award – initial group inducted are former board members who laid groundwork for our organization as we know it
 - Alumni Support Applications – faculty/staff submit on our website to get funding for special requests that aren't covered by Title I funds
 - Principal Discretionary Funds – in fall, funded athlete meals; in spring, helped fund Senior Clap Out/Prom Parade festivities
 - Scholarships – we awarded \$7K and delivered to winners.
 - Awards – nominated for Outstanding Not-for-Profit Business of the Year by

Arlington Chamber of Commerce and won Extraordinary grant from the Otis and Rosie Brown Foundation

- Staff Support – provided snacks for fall testing, coffee/creamer for Coffee Bar, and awards for a faculty/staff Superbowl Chili Cook-Off
- Spirit – secured Bell storage and updated spirit showcase; goal is to move to a newer, more prominent display case at SHHS; #SamFam spirit shirts gifted to ALL senior class and faculty/staff
- Additional Support not funded by association but friends and members– private lessons AND trumpet for Band student with promising talent; funded district daycare cost for young mother to get back into school; adopted Angels at Christmas time; adopted Seniors through Adopt A Senior
- Newsletters, Social Media, Website – consistent communication to our supports all year
- President's Announcements – Laura Heymann
 - Scholarship Committee
 - The committee is all wrapped up now that recipients have been notified and awards delivered. The funds will be sent directly to the students after documentation is submitted to the association. Funds typically released in August.
 - Budget Committee
 - Committee will meet this summer to create the 2020-2021 budget. It will then be presented at the August meeting for approval.
 - Jo Anna Cardoza is interested in joining committee.
- Discussion Topics/Brainstorming
 - 2020-21 Alumni Calendar
 - Tried to have fewer meetings this year. Bylaws require minimum 6 meetings per year. Thinking of going back to monthly meeting to keep consistency and bring back fellowship/networking to the group.
 - Suggest to move meeting to 6:30pm instead of 7pm.
 - Perhaps switch between in-person meetings and online (live stream) meetings.
 - REAL LIFE Addition to Texans Helping Texans Program
 - REAL LIFE is an extra-curricular club at SHHS. Laura and Erica attended a meeting in the fall. The sponsor, who also is responsible for Ready Set Teach, provides real world talks (hygiene, mental health, personal responsibility, finance, etc) that isn't in school curriculum.
 - Fernando Benavides provided background and voiced his support for the program's purpose and sponsor.
 - The board's goal is to help with costs for special events/learning opportunities, but also to advocate for the organization to become an elective/class setting for the kids.
 - Discussed planned events and future projects that, unfortunately, fell through because of COVID-19 outbreak.
 - Future Spirit Gifts
 - Last year, spirit shirts were provided to entire Senior Class and all faculty/staff last year. Suggestion to keep shirts for Senior Class and new faculty/staff only as consistent line item.
 - Suggestion to upgrade the football year water tower as the 2020-2021 spirit gift. Idea to have current welding students involved to help with tower. Sheila Ivy Young guessed that it could cost about \$400 to cover project. Board will work on coming up with quotes and any permits required by AISD.
 - Fundraising Priorities

- Both high-end and at-risk kids have been helped year-over-year, but general membership encouraged helping the “kids in the middle.” ASAs really helped support those kids.
 - Asked for feedback on which programs to raise money for:
 - SHHS Support (ASAs, Texans Helping Texans)
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Honoring Traditions
 - Operational Expenses
 - By supporting “SHHS Support” category, the association can support kids directly through sponsors. Also, we can help with last-minute and urgent requests. (Currently, it's a 2-4 week process for sponsors to use money in their organizations' accounts. Sometimes that's an unreasonable turn-around time.)
 - During North Texas Giving Day, the association can toggle between fundraising for Texans Helping Texans and ASAs.
- Holiday Party vs. Supply Santa
 - There was confusion this year about the holiday party. The goal of the event was fellowship.
 - Suggestion is to have a Supply Santa where volunteers show up to SHHS with goodies (paper, hand sanitizer, dry-erase makers, etc) to stop by teacher's classes allowing them to pick.
- Faculty & Staff Back to School Breakfast
 - Open to any plans, unsure if faculty/staff are going back in August.
 - If they are available and we have an in-person event, volunteers will need to serve food rather than it being a self-serve buffet style.
 - If the event cannot be held as before, we could set up a drive-thru station and hand out breakfast that has been pre-boxed.
- Challenges
 - Inability to provide volunteers has been an issue.
 - Suggestion to help members with signing up to become AISD volunteer, and also have ready-to-go list/registry of volunteers. Have folks go directly to sponsor needing help, not using us as middle person.
 - Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - Suggestion to have a smores and stargazing event or possible cookout.
 - Goal is to have event with no “agendas” (work) but simply to show appreciation.
- Questions/Comments
 - The board will send googleform to members who couldn't attend to also get their feedback on topics discussed.
 - Reminder to perform a random act of kindness for Judy Thomas Day on June 13th. Use #JudyThomasDay on social media!
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.