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Wednesday, June 13, 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.
- Brenda Allen Wolf made announcement for Judy Thomas Day.
- Erica Garcia read May Minutes. Mike Mullen moved to accept the minutes as read with note of name correction; Melynda Merrifield second; motion approved.
- Nicia Dibben read May Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept the report as read; Bob Callas second; motion approved.
- Mr. Benavides
 - 2018 theme was to focus on progress and obtain results.
 - Discussed testing results and overall increases.
 - Algebra I – 64% met progress last year; 73% this year.
 - Bio – 76% met progress last year, 79% this year.
 - ELA I (freshman) – 40% met progress last year, 44% this year.
 - ELA II (juniors) – 40% met progress last year, 48% this year.
 - Discussed senior class data.
 - 60% of seniors had pathway to college – acceptance and financial aid package.
 - 82% graduation rate – massive improvement to six years ago (64-69% area).
 - Goal is to continue working on progress and close the gap. Mr. B's goal is to move into 90%+ for graduation rate.
 - 750 seniors were eligible to walk. \$6M in academic and athletic scholarships. Most money awarded since Mr. B has been here.
 - Last week, a new Associate Principal of 9th Grade Center was hired.
 - Construction should all be completed by next school year including new visitor parking, electronic marquee out front, and removal of temporaries. There will be empty classrooms for the first time.
 - Fully staffed except a few teachers and AP that need to be replaced.
 - Multiple coaches retired at end of this year.
 - Want to grow Special Ed (SPED) department by hiring more teachers.
 - Goal is to continue develop leaders to help support community. He doesn't want students to be victims of circumstance or politics.
- Judy Thomas
 - Would like alumni to help Mr. B by providing coffee for staff. Up until now, Mr. B has been paying for it himself. Suggested for alumni to bring coffee, creamer, sugar, etc. each month to donate.

- Began elections process.
 - Announced last call for ballots. No additional attendees asked for an eligibility form.
 - Reviewed slated candidates for each office.
 - Announced call for nominations from the floor. There were three requests but no nominations provided.
 - Bob Callas made motion to complete election by acclamation; Nicia Dibben second; motion approved.
 - Requested to submit ballots to Erica for records. Tellers Committee left to complete form and confirm election by acclamation.
- Jayme Thomas
 - Provided Fourth of July Parade update. Tentatively scheduled Saturday, June 23rd for craft event. Event would be posted on facebook after time is finalized.
 - Received \$300 check donation from Kathy Abney. She donated last year as well. Budget is higher than normal this year. Both donations are in memory of John Michael Abney, Class of 1970. He was a security guard with AISD and at SHHS for many years.
 - Kimon Wherley is working on getting lumber for collapsible benches.
 - In past, Texan Alumni Band has borrowed instruments from SHHS Band. This year, SHHS Band has double enrollment and is unable to lend instruments/practice space. Texan Alumni Band would need percussion instruments and sousaphones.
- Nicia Dibben
 - Budget Committee meeting date would be shared soon.
 - Any additional alumni interested in joining could speak with Nicia. Following alumni volunteered for committee:
 - Mike Ledford
 - David Douglas
- Tellers Committee
 - Laura Heymann confirmed board for 2018-19:
 - President – Sheila Young
 - Vice President and Social Chair – Al Critz
 - Secretary – Erica Garcia
 - Treasurer – Jayme Thomas
 - Parliamentarian – Melynda Merrifield
- Bob Callas
 - Discussed having past presidents join the Board as directors.
 - This would be an appointment position, and the past president would have to be in good standing with dues paid. This person must also be an active participant in the alumni.
 - Any past presidents (as of forming 501c3) could be eligible for this position.
 - Bob made motion that anyone who served as President of the SHHS Alumni Association (as a 501c3 organization) and are in good standing should be considered a Director and allowed to serve with the board if they choose to do so; Jay Thomas second; none opposed; motion approved.
- General Comments
 - We have gained 12 new members since Friday night and have renewed a

corporate sponsorship with McKnight Insurance. (Melynda Merrifield)

- Laura volunteered to attend Arlington Chamber of Commerce meetings and represent the alumni association. (Laura Heymann)
- If any classes are having reunions, it's requested to let Al know so we don't have conflicting dates with Fling. We are already getting baskets and items for Fling together. Start donating; it's never too early! (Al Critz)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.