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Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Location: Angelo's Pizza, Steak, and Spaghetti – Pantego, Texas

- Darla Peznell: Welcome and Call to Order at 7:13pm
 - Parliamentarian absent, President appoints Bob Callas for June meeting as acting parliamentarian
- Darla Peznell: Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
- Brenda Allen Wolf: Minutes
 - Bob Callas moved to accept May minutes as read; Kimon Wherley seconds; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison: Treasurer's Report
 - Michael Mullen moved to accept May treasurers report as read; Mark Liberto seconds; motion approved.
- Brenda Allen
 - Secretary reviews Voter Eligibility with membership present. In order to vote in the elections tonight you must be a paid 2015-16 member in good standing and attended at least five alumni meetings or events.
 - Tellers committee volunteers include Claudia Perkins as Chair, Sheila Ivy Young, and Michael Mullen.
- Claudia Perkins, Chair of the Nomination Committee shared the proposed slate at the General Meeting on May 11th. Claudia presented the nomination committee slate recommendations again at the June General Meeting. The proposed 2016-17 slate is:
 - President: Darla Peznell, Class of '82
 - Vice President: Michael Ledford, Class of '77
 - Secretary: Erica Garcia, Class of '08
 - Treasurer: Nicia Harrison, Class of '08
 - Public Relations Chair: Brenda Allen Wolf, Class of '98
 - Parliamentarian: Bob Callas, Class of '68
 - Social Chairman: Open
- Darla Peznell
 - President called for nominations from the floor for each officer position. Sheila Ivy Young nominates Al Critz for Social Chairman. Brenda Dietrich seconds. Al Critz accepts the nomination. President continued to call for any other nominations from the floor for each officer position. No additional nominations were made.
 - President conducts election process. President instructs membership to begin voting by using ballot. Ballots are turned into teller committee and election

voting closes after all ballots are received. Tellers committee counts ballots in other room and prepares tellers report.

- Brenda Allen
 - o 4th of July Parade is in the works. Actively recruiting volunteers and band members to be in the parade.
 - o Band Banner presentation to membership. Brenda Dietrich makes motion to amend budget item for Bell Barn to be changed to Band Banner. Mark Liberto seconds. Motion carries. Brenda will order band banner for 4th of July parade.
 - o Reunion Requests: If anyone has Class Reunion information, please email us. There should be several reunions this year. We are happy to share information!
 - o Secretary brings item of Big Sam Bell to membership. Receiving requests from classes to have the bell present at reunions. Discussion surrounding ownership of bell. Principal Benavides confirms current ownership is SHHS. Motion is made by Bob Callas to transfer ownership of bell and trailer to SHHS Alumni so that we can manage registration and maintenance of bell. Jay Thomas seconds motion. Motion carries.
 - Additional discussion carries regarding out of town vs. in Arlington requests for bell presence at reunions. Bob Callas motions to add a non-refundable deposit requirement for rental of bell. Mark Liberto seconds the motion. The motion carries. The general membership adopted formal policies for the Big Sam Bell. Members of the SHHS Alumni Association will bring Big Sam Bell to reunion as long as each class pays a deposit.
 - The association implemented a non-refundable deposit.
 - \$100 outside city of Arlington
 - \$50 inside city of Arlington
 - Funds go towards annual registration fees, bell maintenance and gas.
 - These purchase options will be added to the online shop, www.shhstexans.org.
- Principal Benavides
 - o Round of applause as Darla introduced Mr. Benavides. He was nominated for Principal of the Year.
 - o 2016 Graduation Update: 706 students eligible to walk. 92% graduation rate of Seniors. This is the largest class of record. Records date back to 1994.
 - o Incoming classes. 3 out of 5 are freshmen. Need to improve student mobility rates and support 9th grade. Also, plans in the work to better engage feeder patterns.
 - o No plans for big changes to courtyard or the removal of Sam Hill. DeMario Davis is working with students to do murals at the school.
 - o 9th grade center has had groundbreaking. MAC will be ready in August.
 - o Hiring only 2 math teachers, 4 English teachers and 1 band director. Lowest amount of turnover in years. I get to be very selective in this process and bring the best teachers to Sam!

- o We have approximately 150-160 homeless students who are in transitional housing situations.
- o AVID is one of the most successful programs at SHHS. 71 Seniors received 100% college acceptance letters!
- o We also have the largest PEP program in the school district.
- Darla Peznell
 - o President asked for those interested in volunteering for upcoming Budget Committee to sign up.
 - o President called for Tellers Committee Report to be presented to membership.
- Claudia Perkins, Chair of Tellers Committee gives report to general membership at 8:18pm. Election results are:
 - o Darla Peznell, *class of '82* — **President**
 - o Michael Ledford, *class of '77* — **Vice President**
 - o Erica Garcia, *class of '08* — **Secretary**
 - o Nicia Harrison, *class of '08* — **Treasurer**
 - o Brenda Allen, *class of '98* — **Public Relations Chair**
 - o Albert Critz, *class of '67* — **Social Chair**
 - o Bob Callas, *class of '68* — **Parliamentarian**
- President asked for any Questions or Concerns? No concerns or questions brought fourth.
- Motion to Adjourn by Jay Thomas; second by Mike Mullen. Motion carries.