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August General Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location: East Library and Recreation Center – Arlington, Texas

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

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 6:34pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Laura Heymann announced that June Minutes were posted online. There were no corrections offered, and therefore the Minutes were approved as posted.
- Speakers
 - Jamie Johnson (Head Volleyball Coach)
 - Started booster club for volleyball this year.
 - Requesting assistance for a tournament on Saturday, September 4th!
 - They need volunteers for concessions and at the gyms.
 - Volunteers must be AISD-approved in order to be on campus.
 - Coach will create a Google Form, which the association will share online to request volunteers for the event.
 - Additional events include...
 - Teacher appreciation event (later this year)
 - Booster Club will cover meals for teachers. Coach is looking for money to cover shirts for teachers.
 - Pink-Out Game (October)
 - Hope to schedule a pink-out game later this fall, and Coach is looking to fund shirts for players.
 - Started the Tall Texan, Small Texan Program to connect current players with former athletes, and will look into the Letterman's Association.
 - Hope to have open gyms after the current season ends.
 - Arun Bhatt (Band Director) & Jesus Martinez (Assistant Band Director)
 - There are lots of former band members/SHHS alumni who are looking to help current students.
 - Former student who benefited from the personal fundraising for Trumpet lessons was from Class of 2020. The student made region and area during their senior year and are currently studying at UTA.
 - Band is still actively using the specialty mallets that were provided by the alumni association through a past Alumni Support Application.
 - Band leadership would like to take a group of dedicated, high-performing percussion students to the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in Indianapolis. The convention is in mid-November.

- Looking to raise a total of \$8-9k.
 - The percussion program, which started at 6 kids and has grown exponentially, will be competing at national level.
- Anthony Criss (Head Football Coach)
 - Gave sneak peek of new jerseys for this year. Pictures to be posted on social media!
 - Homecoming is September 17th against Keller Center HS.
 - Hoping to have parade and tailgate this year.
 - There are 4 games scheduled at Globe Life Park, including the season opener on August 26th and the rivalry game against Bowie HS in October.
 - Started a mentoring program thanks to Christopher James (Assistant Football Coach).
 - In order to volunteer, you must be approved by AISD and then contact Coach Criss or Coach James for opportunities to connect.
- Admin Updates
 - Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
 - In following the Strategic Plan, the board has been working on creating a SOP to supplement the bylaws and support all future boards.
 - Current topics include...
 - Meetings
 - Memberships
 - Committees
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Elections Committee
 - Financials
 - Recognitions
 - Board of Directors
 - The SOP will be available on the website later this fall.
 - Budget Committee Recap
 - Thanks to this year's Budget Committee, who met during the summer to create the proposed budget for the year!
 - Laura Heymann
 - Darla Peznell
 - Erica Garcia
 - Jayme Thomas
 - Jo Anna Cardoza
 - Nicia Dibben
 - Michael Ledford
 - Fernando Benavides
 - 2021-22 Proposed Budget
 - The main categories are the same as last year:
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Texans Helping Texans
 - School Spirit
 - SHHS Support
 - Operational Expenses
 - Jo Anna Cardoza motioned to accept the proposed budget for 2021-22 as presented; motion was seconded by Melody Rushing; motion approved.
 - 2021 Fall Calendar

- Calendar has been posted on the website! The only months without general meetings are December and July.
 - Meetings will continue at 6:30pm based on feedback and to help accommodate more alumni and friends.
- Program Updates
 - Texans Helping Texans Program
 - No updates.
 - Alumni Support Applications (ASAs)
 - After the Back-to-School Breakfast, the association received an influx of ASAs, which will all be reviewed by the Board for funding decisions.
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Back-to-School Breakfast was back in-person this year! The event was put together in 2-3 weeks, and it was a GREAT success!
 - Thank you to our in-person volunteers and donors...
 - Mike Ledford
 - Nicia Dibben
 - Jo Anna Cardoza
 - David Inman
 - Laura Heymann
 - Darla Peznell
 - Jayme Thomas
 - Erica Garcia
 - In-kind donations were valued at \$415! With the short notice, this was an amazing amount. We thank you so much!
 - School Spirit
 - Hoped to re-furbish the water tower on campus last year, but the project was halted due to COVID.
 - The Board is still looking into it for this year's Spirit Gift. However, Wilemon Field is being renovated through bond funds. Tower may be covered under construction.
 - Another idea for a project is to update the Atrium in the Senior Skills/Alternative Curriculum hall.
 - It needs a lot of work! This may be a great project for UTA's The Big Event, where their students, faculty, and staff work on local projects to better the Arlington community.
 - Scholarships
 - Started receiving verification documents from last year's recipients, and 3 scholarship checks have already been sent out to the schools.
 - The Board will hold onto the 2021 Haile-Mariam Scholarship funds until next year, as the student has a great opportunity for study abroad soon.
- Jayme Thomas shared June-August Treasurer's Report. All questions were answered by the Treasurer, and the Treasurer's Report was filed.
- Questions/Comments
 - Big Sam Bell
 - Registration is past due and needs credentials to enter this season's football games. (Erica Garcia will work on this ASAP.)
 - Interested in helping haul the Bell to games and watch free football? Reach out to info@shhtexans.org for details!
- Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.