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August General Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:30pm

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 6:35pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Laura Heymann announced that June Minutes were posted online. Jay Thomas motioned to accept the minutes as posted; motion was seconded by Jo Anna Cardoza; motion approved.
- Jayme Thomas read June-August Treasurer's Report. Melody Rushing motioned to accept the report as read; motion was seconded by Gerry Thomas; motion approved.
- President's Announcements – Laura Heymann
 - 2020 Fall Calendar
 - Calendar has been posted on the website. Under the "Current Projects" dropdown, click on "Calendar." Meetings have been moved to 6:30pm based on feedback and to help accommodate more alumni and friends. The only months without general meetings are October, December, March, and July.
 - October and March will allow for fling committee meetings.
 - December will either be a holiday party or supporting an event at SHHS.
 - July is the traditional break from meetings.
 - Faculty & Staff Back to School Breakfast
 - The first day of school is Monday, August 18th but will be completely virtual. Faculty/staff and students will not be on campus. The board discussed different ideas with Mr. Villarreal (SHHS Principal) and decided to wait until all faculty/staff return to campus for the annual back to school breakfast.
 - The return to in-person instruction is planned for Monday, September 14th, at which point we hope to be able to provide breakfast, a friendly welcome back and show of support.
 - September General Meeting
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, September 9th. As AISD will not be back on campus as of this date, the alumni association will follow their lead and likely have another live-stream meeting through Zoom.
 - Fling plans will be discussed at this meeting.
 - North Texas Giving Day
 - NTXGD is Thursday, September 17th. Stay tuned for more info!
 - Grant Updates
 - 2020 North Texas Community Foundation Toolbox Grant
 - Great news! The alumni association received a \$7,500 grant from the North Texas Community Foundation. The grant is capacity-building for

nonprofits; it helps organizations focus on longevity, succession planning, and long-term goals.

- Laura is currently requesting proposals from consultants, and the board will review to determine the best value.
- Should have a consultant on board by this time next month to help the organization
- Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding NonProfit of the Year
 - No news yet! We are still in the running.
- Extraordinary's Foundation Grant
 - As a friendly and exciting reminder, the alumni association was the recipient of \$2,500 back in February.
- There are still pending grant applications with the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation and Women Inspiring Philanthropy. *Just this Spring, the alumni association has been awarded \$10,000 in grants!*
- Treasurer Updates – Jayme Thomas
 - Budget Committee Update
 - Committee met in July. They reviewed each category and amounts spent in 2019-20. With their feedback and guidance from the past numbers, the proposed budget for 2020-21 was created.
 - 2020-21 Proposed Budget
 - The main categories are the same as last year:
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Texans Helping Texans
 - School Spirit
 - SHHS Support
 - Operational Expenses
 - Projects listed under each category were adjusted to reflect upcoming plans, distance learning, and the Toolbox Grant award. The REAL LIFE program was added to the Texans Helping Texans category. In addition, spirit shirts became it's one project line item, and shirts will only be provided for new staff and senior class. This year's spirit gift is upgrading the water tower. The goal for scholarships is \$10,000.
 - Melody Rushing motioned to accept the proposed budget for 2020-21; motion was seconded by Jay Thomas; motion approved.
 - Note about North Texas Giving Day: \$5,000 was raised last year for the Texans Helping Texans Program. However, only roughly 1/3 was used last year, which leaves those programs with plenty of funding for the new school year. This year's funds raised will be going to the Alumni Support Applications, to directly help students through their extra-curricular activities.
- Questions/Comments
 - City of Arlington has neighborhood-matching grant applications opening soon, which may help with the water tower upgrade. Laura had researched the grant, but the alumni association does not qualify at this time. (Jo Anna Cardoza)
 - If you are aware of any other grant opportunities, please email us at info@shstexans.org! (Laura Heymann)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.