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August General Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7pm

Location: George W. Hawkes Downtown Library – Arlington, Texas

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

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 7:10pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Erica Garcia announced that June Minutes were posted online. Mike Mullen motioned to accept the minutes as posted; motion was seconded; motion approved.
- Jayme Thomas read June Treasurer's Report. Nicia Dibben motioned to accept the report as read; motion was seconded; motion approved.
- Secretary Updates – Erica Garcia
 - Back to School Breakfast Recap
 - The annual breakfast was held on August 8, 2019 and was a great event! The entire breakfast was organized in about 3 weeks.
 - A quick debriefing was held after the event, and the feedback was posted to the Staff Appreciation planning group on Facebook.
 - Changes included having barbacoa, pan dulce, sausage biscuits, individual yogurts, and more fruit. All of these were big hits with the faculty and staff.
 - Total in-kind amount totaled approximately \$802 as of meeting date, with the expectation to be higher after all amounts were provided by donors.
 - The new Sam Houston HS Principal, Juan Villarreal, was impressed and grateful for this event.
 - Big thank you to all volunteers and donors!
 - AISD Volunteer Approvals
 - Every year, AISD requires individuals interested in volunteering at the schools to submit an application and be approved.
 - The applications for 2019-20 are now open and can be completed at www.aisd.net/community/volunteer. A copy of the individual's license or state ID will be requested.
 - Shop To Give Opportunities
 - There is a great way to give back to the association without giving directly giving money.
 - Tom Thumb, Kroger, and AmazonSmile give back a percentage of sales to the association. Visit www.shstexans.org/shoptogive to view details and learn how to sign-up.
- Treasurer Updates – Jayme Thomas
 - 2019-20 Proposed Budget
 - Provided and reviewed actual amounts spent in 2018-19 year.
 - Reviewed proposed categories for 2019-20 budget, which would replace

specific line items and provide broader coverage for expenses.

- Laura Heymann advised that in preparing the proposed budget, the Budget Committee discussed and reviewed expenses over the last 5-6 years. There are currently 5 grants the Board plans to apply for. Overall, the need at Sam Houston HS is great but will continue to fluctuate. Any funds raised will help the school. Also, Laura mentioned that New Day was providing food for FIT students to take home, and that help is expected to continue.
- Jayme Thomas provided reminder that Alumni Support Applications (ASAs) are available for Sam Houston HS faculty and staff.
- Claudia Perkins mentioned that she is on Arlington Urban Ministries' Board, and the organization is a great resource for last-minute student needs.
- Erica Garcia answered questions regarding the Starry Night Prom. The organization's board members stepped down last year with no replacements announced. Due to this issue, AISD held a Prom for all skills students.
- Nicia Dibben motioned to approve 2019-20 proposed budget; motion was seconded; motion approved.
- President's Announcements – Laura Heymann
 - Alumni Polo Shirts
 - Based on a suggestion from different alums, the Board explored options on polo shirts.
 - Various mock-ups were shared with the meeting attendees. The consensus was that red and blue polos with the full-color logo should be offered for sale.
 - Pre-orders will be available online soon.
 - Spirit Gift T-shirts
 - The 2019-20 spirit t-shirt design (created by Laura Heymann) was presented to the meeting attendees.
 - Sam Houston HS faculty and staff will be receiving their t-shirts on August 16, 2019.
 - The goal is to provide a t-shirt to every Sam Houston student as well. The current plan is to provide t-shirts in rounds, starting with the Senior Class. As fundraising money comes into the organization, then additional t-shirts will be printed for the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen.
 - 2019 Fall Calendar
 - Reviewed events and dates through December.
 - Homecoming: Friday night football on September 6, 2019.
 - September General Meeting: Open discussion was held to receive suggestions for the location. Stay tuned to Facebook for location details on this September 11, 2019 meeting.
 - North Texas Giving Day: Fundraising with the community on September 19, 2019.
 - Basket-Making + Pizza Party: Instead of a meeting, there will be a get-together on October 9, 2019. Join us at Angelo's Pizza! Bring your raffle items, and let's get ready for the fling.
 - Fall Fling: We are having a night of fun and fundraising on October 12, 2019.
 - November General Meeting: Official meeting will be at Angelo's Pizza on November 13, 2019.
 - Holiday Party: Continuing the tradition with our party at J. Gilligan's on December 11, 2019.
 - Homecoming Weekend Concerts
 - A list of local concerts and events will be shared to our Facebook soon. Spread the news, and let's have fun in Arlington while supporting Big Sam!
 - CASA of Tarrant County Superhero Run/Walk
 - The association was invited to create a team for CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of Tarrant County's 5k.
 - A special discount price is available if you join the association team. Check out the event on Facebook and join us on October 26, 2019.

- North Texas Giving Day
 - This is a great way to fundraise for the Texans Helping Texans Program. Not only does the association receive the funds donated directly from individuals online, but that money can also be matched or lead to bonus funds.
 - A committee is needed, and the call for volunteers will be shared online. The committee will be able to communicate on Facebook through a closed group.
 - The vision is to have a war room on September 19, 2019. Part of the day will be spent at Sam Houston HS, which is a great opportunity, and then at the Arlington Gives Rally for the evening.
 - Marketing efforts have started, with graphics for social media created and postcards designed. The postcards will be printed by Green Apple Lane (Laura Heymann) and put in each faculty/staff's inbox at Sam Houston HS.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.