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Wednesday, August 9, 2017

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.
- Judy Thomas thanked Steve Sutherland, Class of 1987, for a \$200 donation from their class reunion. Also advised of a \$100 donation in memory of Carrie Hayes.
- Erica Garcia read June Minutes. Mike Mullen moved to accept the minutes as read; Bob Callas second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison read June Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept treasurer's report as read; Jay Thomas second; motion approved.
- SHHS Update
 - David Hill, Girls Cross Country and Track Coach
 - Thanked alumni for their help during last year's track meet. The annual track meet is named after Ken Gaston, a former coach and teacher who passed away from cancer. This year's meet will be Thursday, September 28 at Lynn Creek Park. Volunteers should arrive by 7am. Event will start at 8am and last through noon. Help is needed with parking and the hospitality suite.
 - Estimated over 2,000 runners and 63 schools last year – big event!
 - Contact Coach Hill: 817-504-5303
 - SHHS's Men's Track team is 100-120 students. Women's Track is 50-60. Cross Country starts at 55.
 - Bob Callas volunteered to bring 2 golf carts to assist at event.
 - Mr. Benavides, Principal
 - New expansion opening soon
 - 9th Grade Center will be ready (fyi: District paid for this, not the AISD bond)
 - Grad rate was 64%
 - Approximately 3,800 students enrolled to start 2017-2018
 - This is Mr. B's 5th year as principal
 - Important dates:
 - August 15 – Freshman Orientation, 4-6pm
 - September 1 – Tours
 - Waiting on status for the outside front marquee
 - SHHS was the only school to show growth in ALL 4 areas of state accountability test scores
 - Hired 3 new Assistant Principals
 - Goals:
 - Engage all parents and community

- Engage students in the school experience
 - Provide safe learning environment
 - Ensure all students meet college readiness standards in 4 years
- Judy Thomas
 - Announcement of appointed positions...
 - Jayme Thomas – Social Media Coordinator
 - Brenda Allen Wolf – Grant Coordinator
 - Claudia Perkins – Donations Coordinator
- Jayme Thomas
 - Provided North Texas Giving Day update – Thursday, September 14. There is NO football game conflict scheduled with NTX Giving Day this year! We are coordinating student organizations to show their support at the Arlington rally that day.
 - Levitt Pavillion, starting at 7:30 for Arlington Gives Rally
 - Mom of singer performing (Josh Weathers Band) is a Class of 1976 alum
 - September General Meeting will be held at SHHS in Jayme's room so board members can help any alums set-up their donation for NTX Giving Day.
 - Time block for donations will be decided soon and shared with supporters.
 - Board will market the event at the Teacher Back to School Breakfast.
- Judy Thomas
 - Reminder to renew your annual memberships! They are \$25 for the Annual Individual level starting August 2017.
- Nicia Harrison
 - Reviewed 2017-2018 Proposed Budget line by line.
 - Changes:
 - Kimon Wherley motioned to raise the Fourth of July Parade line item to \$500 to include the upkeep of the trailer; Mike Ledford second; motion approved.
 - Questions:
 - Does raising one line item remove funds from another? A: No, they do not affect one another. Our source of income is through fundraising and in-kind donations.
 - Do we have actuals from 2016-2017? A: No, we did not have them on hand for the meeting.
 - Bob Callas motioned to approve the Proposed Budget; Melynda second; motion approved.
- Sheila Young
 - Provided Fall Fling update. Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, greeting, door and door tickets. Any donations can be given to Sheila to hold. October 15th is the date for baskets – both the cut-off and the day they will be put together. See Sheila for more information.
- Darla Peznell
 - Teacher Back to School Breakfast will be August 16th. The event is to encourage and serve our teachers as they get prepared for the new school year. Donated items can be dropped off with Darla or Judy. If volunteering for the event, be ready to serve by 7AM and park by Gym A (west side of SHHS).
 - Homecoming Tailgate is September 1st starting at 4pm. Contact Darla for more

information and to coordinate what you'd like to bring.

- Brenda Allen Wolf
 - Provided an update on the Fourth of July Parade, with a special thank you to Kimon and Michelle Wherley for their work on the float. Additional thank yous to David and Myra for bringing the Bell, and Al Critz for being a support vehicle. We received 2nd place in the Non Commercial Float.
 - Provided an update on the Texas Rangers Foundation grant. The final package was 60 pages and 16 copies printed for the foundation to review. Alumni support was added to the application in terms of in-kind donations and a monetary donation.
 - Alumni association is typically eligible for "community" grants that vary from \$500 to \$1,000.
- General Comments
 - Volunteers are needed for merch sales on August 25 and September 1. To volunteer, please see Judy. (Judy Thomas)
 - Class of 1967 reunion is on October 6 and 7th. The class plans on presenting a donation to the alumni association. Contact Al for more information. (Al Critz)
 - There is a proposal for a mural and other art designs at SHHS, including the 9th Grade Center. (DeMario Davis)
 - Announcement that there is a potential Cinderella Ball candidate to represent SHHS this year. (Darla Peznell)
 - Class of 1972 event on September 16th at J. Gilligan's. Class of 71 and 73 are invited. (Brenda)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.