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## **September General Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7pm**

**Location:** Candlelite Inn Restaurant – Arlington, Texas

**Board Members in Attendance:** Sheila Ivy Young, Al Critz, Erica Garcia, Jayme Thomas, Melynda Merrifield, Claudia Perkins, Brenda Allen Wolf, Judy Thomas, Bob Callas

**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 7:06pm, followed by Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Erica Garcia read August Minutes. Jayme Thomas moved to accept the minutes as read; motion was second; motion approved.
- Jayme Thomas read August Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept the report as read; motion was second; motion approved.
- Mr. Benavides
  - Had correction to the graduation rate. The correct rate is 82.4%.
  - There are 3,693 students enrolled this year, which is the highest number in AISD.
  - For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 7 years Mr. B has worked there, SHHS is 100% staffed.
  - They will have a busy fall season with sports.
  - Operation Graduation – Volunteers go out to talk to students in neighborhood that have not enrolled back in school. The volunteers encourage them to come back to school to graduate. Event will be Saturday, 9/15/18. Volunteers would meet at SHHS at 8:30am.
  - Reviewed homecoming events.
- Coach Hill/Coach Heck
  - 9/27 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ken Gaston Invitation @ Joe Pool Lake
    - This is a fundraiser for Boys and Girls Cross Country teams.
    - The event keeps growing and is now up to 99 schools.
      - Students are coming as far as College Station and Lufkin.
    - Volunteers are needed from 6am to about noon.
      - Biggest areas of concern are hospitality area and assisting in the parking lot area.
      - Park opens at 5:15am, and buses begin to arrive at 6am.
      - Hospitality area volunteers can leave about 9am.
      - Note if there is a preference, or otherwise will be assigned an area based on need.
    - On September 25, coaches will be at park to show where things will be happening in case anyone wants to come early.

- Erica Garcia
  - 10/13 – AISD Invitation Swim Meet
    - This is the first time that SHHS would have volunteers at this event.
    - A minimum of 3 volunteers are needed, with their main job being lane timers.
    - Volunteers are needed 9am to 3pm. Sign-ups include:
      - Melynda Merrifield
      - Sheila Ivy Young
- Brenda Allen Wolf
  - 9/20 – North Texas Giving Day
    - Arlington Gives Rally – Levitt Pavilion, 6pm
      - If attending, be sure to vote SHHS Alumni for People’s Choice Award, which is a \$10,000 prize awarded to the nonprofit with most votes.
    - Online giving starts at 6am, goes through midnight.
      - Scheduled giving had already opened and was ready online. Donors could schedule giving early instead of waking up at 6am to start on 9/20.
      - Focus would be to encourage individuals to donate that day, not in any specific time slot.
      - Any amount would help! The monies raised help fund our Texans Helping Texans Program.
  - Homecoming Events
    - We would have 6 spots for the tailgating!
    - Events:
      - Pep Rally 2pm
      - Campus Tours 3pm
      - Tailgating 4pm
      - Pre-Game Presentation 7pm
      - Game Kickoff 7:30pm
- Bob Callas/Claudia Perkins
  - Announced that 3 of our Distinguished Alumni would be at Homecoming, and the pre-game presentation would begin at 7pm to honor them.
- Al Critz
  - Fall Fling
    - Fling is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at J. Gilligan’s.
    - Baskets will be completed on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Al’s house. Volunteers are welcomed from 1pm to 4pm.
      - This is also the LAST day to provide donations. It will allow the committee time to create baskets, create labels, and set the order for the raffles.
    - There will be 3 silent auction items. The handcrafted projects are coming from:
      - Paula Pop, class of 75
      - Ross Betty, class of 74
      - Robert Balance, class of 76
    - Need volunteers on day of event to sell raffle tickets, set-up, etc. A sign-up

sheet will be provided at the October meeting.

- Set-up will begin the day of at 5pm, and at least 4 people are needed.
- Sheila Ivy Young
  - Bell Committee/Rentals
    - Brenda Allen Wolf made motion to name Bob Callas as the Bell Committee Lead; motion was not second or approved. Brenda amended motion to name Bob Callas and David Inman Bell Committee Co-Chairs; motion was second; motion approved.
    - Bob would be taking the Bell to the Class of 98 reunion on Saturday, 9/30.
    - Erica reviewed the process to rent a bell. Payment and information must be submitted online at [www.shhstexans.org/shop](http://www.shhstexans.org/shop).
- Erica Garcia
  - In-kind donations for the Faculty and Staff Back to School Breakfast in August totaled \$1,502.88.
  - If adding in the freebies provided to all faculty and staff, the in-kind donations went up to \$5,527.88.
    - Freebies were coordinated through Claudia Perkins and included the following: phone fans, pens with stylus, magic 8 balls, fidget cubes, and academic planners.
- General Comments
  - On 9/28 at J. Gilligan's, volunteers would be needed for the Class of 78 reunion event. (Myra Mead)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.