

SHHS Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2013 – 7pm

Angelo's Spaghetti and Pizza House
2590 W Pioneer Pkwy, Pantego, Texas 76013
Called by Becky Phillips

Introduction –

Becky Phillips – Class of '82

Laura Heymann – Class of '98

Brenda Allen – Class of '98

Bob Callas – Class of '68, President of the SHHS Alumni Association

Mr. Benavides – Current Principal of SHHS, will possibly be here tonight after 8p

Julie Douglas – Vice President of the SHHS Alumni Association

Grace Shane – Treasurer of the SHHS Alumni Association

Hans Bryson – Secretary of the SHHS Alumni Association

Alumni Association -

What it is - It is an association of all people who attended SHHS, whether they graduated or not. There are no dues. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per year, usually taken at the door of either the “Spring Fling” or at the “Fall Fling”.

What it isn't - How you can join? – www.SHHSALUMNI.NET

Their goals are to raise at least two scholarships each year for graduating seniors. Next activity is The “Fall Fling” on 9/28/2013. The alumni association is not a booster club for any specific group at the high school. The group supports SHHS as a whole, in whatever way the school says they need.

Possible New Booster Club(s)

Defining goals. Where do we begin? Some people new to the alumni association would like to expand the clubs efforts by helping out more than two scholarship recipients at the end of the year. After the last SHHS Alumni Association meeting, it became clear that the school needs help with feeding football players, band, drill team, cheerleaders, coaches, etc before games. Kids are not eating after school and prior to games. Also, the Long Tall Texan needs stilts. The drill team and cheerleaders may need help with uniforms. The bell guards need white hats. How should we get these things and stay within UIL guidelines?

What is the non-profit status of Alumni Assoc? They are currently using the Band Booster Club's 501(c)3 status and filtering all monies through that avenue. This is not an acceptable way of handling things if we are going to try to raise LARGE amounts of money in the future. Who is filing the taxes for the Band Booster Club? No one was sure.

Do we want to combine our efforts or be separate entities? We took a vote and the majority decided to stay as one big group under the Alumni Association umbrella of activity. It was stressed by Becky Phillips, and then by Bob Callas that we all need to work together and be open-minded as new ideas and new members become active. Most everyone agreed this can be a very good thing for the kids of SHHS.

Homecoming/50th Anniversary Celebration – What the school/students need and want: The Student Council Sponsors (teachers) Ardran Robinson and Amber Hill were not able to attend this meeting, but Mr. Benavides stressed again for them, the following info: they would love for all alumni to be present at the campus tour, parade and ice cream social, Saljo's Dinner and Mixer, as well as the Homecoming pep rally and football game. They are selling packages that included everything mentioned above as well as tickets to a movie on “Sam Hill” and a tailgating parking spot on the night of the Homecoming game.

Longterm Needs -

The group decided to create some new positions for SHHS Alumni Association: Principal's Liaison – voted in was Laura Heymann. Her job is to talk to Mr. Benavides often enough to find out the latest needs of the school and how the alumni association can meet those needs.

Technology Chairperson – voted in was Brenda Allen. Her job is to get all social media (IE: Facebook, the alumni website, etc) up to date with the happenings of the alumni association.

Committee Chairperson – Voted in was Becky Phillips. She will preside over all committees, making sure there is progress and activity in each one until goals are met. She will give an update on each committee at all alumni meetings IF the committee chair over the individual committee is not in attendance.

PTA Liaison – Voted in was Darla Peznell. SHHS has not had a PTA in over 8 years. There is no record of one anywhere in the PTA of Texas files. Darla is working with an SHHS parent to get one recreated. Darla will report back to the Alumni Association on how we can join and get the word out about helping the

PTA.

Things We Need to Find Out For The Next Meeting-

- Will Paypal do a less expensive rate for schools and non-profits?
- We want to start a food pantry. We will talk to Mr. Benavides and the school's social worker this week to find out if this can be done. Should we do canned good drives at all football games?
- Is the Alumni Association eligible for grants? Roy Johnson – Class of '76 may be able to help with this. Contact Cindy Huff for his contact info.
- Fill out all Homecoming forms and turn them in. Becky will take them to the school this week.
- Sign the notebook going around. We need your name, phone number, email address, and if you have an account on Facebook.

Facts we learned tonight: 3353 students are enrolled at SHHS as of right now. The most in the entire district. 90% are on the free or reduced meal plan.

The SHHS Alumni Association address is:

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Phillips.

IN ATTENDANCE

09/05/2013

1. Becky Phillips '82
2. Brenda Dietrich '72

3. Julie Douglas '69
4. Hans Bryson ?
5. Brian Murphy ?
6. Grace Shane ?
7. Denise Cauble '73
8. Laura Heymann '98
9. Heidi Allison '99
10. Lori Shelman '98
11. Kim Adams '98
12. Kylie Hill '97
13. Ashley Thomas '98
14. Brenda Allen '98
15. Rosanna Appelt '97
16. Stan Miller '72
17. Sheila Young '72
18. Cindy Huff '76
19. Steve Nicholson '71
20. Randy McGinnis '74
21. Crystal Ford '75
22. Michael Ledford '77
23. Claudia Perkins '71
24. Melynda Merrifield '75
25. Bobby Callas '68
26. Laurie Flynn '71
27. Karen Fox '71
28. Nicia Harrison '08
29. Becca Rangel '89
30. Darla Peznell '82