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February General Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Darla Peznell, Erica Garcia, Jayme Thomas, Jo Anna Cardoza

Board Members Not in Attendance: Laura Heymann

Additional Attendees: See Sign-In Sheet

**The President was not present; therefore, the Vice President was asked to oversee the meeting.*

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 6:31pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.
- Erica Garcia announced that October Minutes were posted online. There were no corrections offered, and therefore the Minutes were approved as posted.
- Speakers
 - No speakers attended.
- Admin Updates
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Quick discussion regarding the best way forward for applications (physical vs electronic). In the past few years, the committee has chosen to offer both. Committee members will get to decide how to move forward.
 - Fernando Benavides has volunteered to join the committee.
 - Anyone else interested in joining the committee should send an email to info@shhstexans.org. The more, the merrier!
 - Elections Committee
 - Letters of Intent due Wednesday, March 9th! Any person interested in joining the board should submit their letter to info@shhstexans.org by 11:59pm. All letters will be turned over to the Elections Committee for next steps.
 - We need 3 volunteers to be part of this committee. Responsibilities include gathering/reviewing the Letters of Intent, contacting alumni who may not have submitted a letter but could be a great addition to the board, putting together the formal nomination slate, sharing the slate with the Board Secretary, and tallying the votes at the election.
 - Anyone interested in joining the committee should send an email to info@shhstexans.org.
 - Long Haul Texan Award
 - The Long-Haul Texan Awards were created in 2019 to honor long-time volunteers. The first awards were given to founding board members from the 90s who stayed active and supported the new association after it became a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. This award allows the association to thank Texans more often than just the annual Long Tall Texan Award given by SHHS at graduation.
 - If you know any Texans who have been long-time volunteers and been instrumental in moving the organization forward, please send their info

and why you think they should be honored to info@shhstexans.org. (There is no formal application - we are excited to read all your emails!)

- Volunteer Opportunities & New SHHS Head Football Coach
 - The alumni association is excited to give a warm welcome to alum Chris James (Class of 1993), who will be leading the Texans as Head Football Coach; and alum Jamie Johnson (Class of 2005) who is the Texans' new Female Athletic Coordinator!
 - The SHHS Black History Month Program is looking for volunteers to help serve food at their two events!

Program + Dinner (open to the public)
Friday, February 18 @ 6pm

Faculty/Staff Potluck
Friday, February 25 @ 11am

- Program Updates
 - Texans Helping Texans Program
 - Fulfilled a request for snacks, valued at \$300.
 - Fulfilled a surprise order (not requested) via Amazon Wish List, valued at \$325. Itemized list is below...
 - U by Kotex Feminine Pads, qty 5
 - Caption the Baby Card Game, qty 1
 - Motivational Stress Balls (5 pk), qty 2
 - Munchkin Fork and Spoon Set (6 pcs), qty 2
 - Tangkula 72" Storage Shelves, qty 1
 - Working on a request for sweatpants. Board has approved the request for 100 pairs in various sizes. They were purchased via Claudia Perkins, who provided savings of \$800-\$900! Total value of order is \$850 and delivery is being coordinated.
 - Alumni Support Applications (ASAs)
 - New request fulfilled in November-January...
 - TexAnnes received a \$800 check to help fund participation in the 2021 Dallas Holiday Parade.
 - Black History Month Committee received a \$350 check to help cover meal costs for staff/faculty luncheon. We are also providing marketing to find volunteers that can help serve at both events.
 - Reminder of requests fulfilled in August-October...
 - Principal received a \$500 check for the Fall portion of the Principal's Discretionary Fund.
 - Volleyball received marketing support to find Spikefest Tournament volunteers and received a \$500 check for staff t-shirts during appreciation games/student t-shirts for a Pink-Out Game in October.
 - Orchestra received a \$375 check for students to attend a performance by a Fort Worth Symphonic Orchestra soloist.
 - Ready, Set, Teach Program received a \$250 check for students to get branded hoodies for their in-person teaching internships.
 - Skills/Special Education Program received custom mum and garter for their Special Olympics King & Queen (2021 Homecoming).
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Additional coffee and creamer shipments were sent for the faculty/staff Coffee Bar (both in the Front Office and 9th Grade Center).
 - Received request for teacher/staff snacks during testing season, which began in December. Testing coordinator received a batch of snacks in November (valued

at \$140) for fall testing, and will receive additional snacks in March for spring testing (budgeted at \$250).

- School Spirit
 - The association has continued to maintain and store the Sam Bell at the rented storage unit, and David Inman received 2 reimbursement checks to cover the cost of travel and gas during the recent football season.
- Scholarships
 - The 2022 process will begin soon, and we need volunteers. See details above!
- Advocacy
 - Darla Peznell (Vice President) has served on the Council of PTAs' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, and is currently on AISD's Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure bond funds are being allocated to SHHS and the East Arlington community. Darla will be serving a 2nd term on the CBOC.
 - Jo Anna Cardoza (Assistant Secretary) is serving on the City of Arlington's Unity Council for the 2021-2023 term.
 - Laura Heymann (President) is speaking on behalf of the association at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and local peer-to-peer opportunities.
 - Fernando Benavides was appointed to the City of Arlington's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) Committee. The appointment came from County Commissioner PCT 2, Devan Allen.
 - The committee receives/listens to proposals from residents who need financial support to re-invest in their current business or create a new business. The goal is to maintain the culture of East Arlington and support local entrepreneurs. More information can be found at https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/economic_development/site_selection_resources/tirz_districts.
- Jayme Thomas shared November-February Treasurer's Report. All questions were answered by the Treasurer, and the Treasurer's Report was filed.
- No questions or comments.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erica Garcia.