

Solon Academic Boosters Club

October 19, 2022 Meeting

Officers:

- PRESIDENT: Andrea Pitzel
- SECRETARY : Emily Johnson
- TREASURER: Erica Kanj

In attendance via Zoom: Andrea Pitzel, Emily Johnson, Madhavi Rubbo, Dawn Hayes, and Carol Olszewski

Call to Order

Andrea Pitzel

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Report

Emily Johnson

Please send any reports to emmyedwards@hotmail.com. Minutes from the September meeting were approved and posted to the website. The Facebook page was made private similarly to other PTA organizations.

President's Report

Andrea Pitzel

- Mission: To promote, recognize, and reward Solon High School students for their academic achievements
- Thank you to the following individuals:
 - Anju Agarwal and Ava Farivar, for representing Solon Academic Boosters at the community tailgate on 10/14.
 - Ava Farivar and Erica Kanj, for stocking the SHS Bookstore for Second Quarter required reading books.
 - Carol Schultz, for selling the quarterly books at the SHS Bookstore.
 - Anju Agarwal, Jen Schusterman, and Candice Walker, for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition, to be held 10/20.
 - Jen Schusterman and Candice Walker, for organizing the National Merit Recognition Luncheon, to be held 10/26.
 - Paula Telepak, for coordinating the teacher, student, and parent communications for the Rising Stars Recognition and the National Merit Recognition.
 - Darlene Hillis, for printing the communications for Second Quarter books, National Merit, and membership.
 - Pam Selvaggio, for sending communications to the academic teams regarding the mini grant application process.
 - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
 - Emily Johnson, for compiling the meeting minutes.
 - Erica Kanj, for managing the budget planning and finances, including Venmo transactions, and posting FB messages.
 - Madhavi Rubbo, for hosting the technology platforms for the academic team mini grants, the online store, membership, and general web upgrades.

Treasurer's Report

Erica Kanj

- Income continues to come in through memberships and the bookstore.
 - Please continue to have your kids buy their required reading books at the bookstore as that is a main source of revenue for SABC.
 - Reminder: if purchasing books via Venmo, your child has guaranteed pick up of their book the next day if purchased by 8pm. Sales now need to be verified in the Venmo system for pick up. No screenshots accepted. Actual proof of purchase within the Venmo app if the student has it on their phone is the only exception.
 - We will be voting on the proposed budget. Minimal changes were made from last year and most changes were made to decrease in student body size.

Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards/Graduation Medals** Andrea Pitzel
 - National Merit Recognition
 - 50 students recognized in 2021
 - 54 students will be recognized in 2022
 - 23 Semi-Finalist Scholars
 - 26 Commended Scholars
 - 2 African American Scholars
 - 3 Hispanic Scholars
 - Luncheon: OCT 26
 - Congratulatory letter and membership form mailed to students (SHS covered the cost of postage)
 - RSVP Google Docs created by Paula Telepak
- **Academic Teams Support** Andrea for Pam Selvaggio
 - Support academic teams that submit a mini-grant request to offset competition fees and equipment purchases, up to \$250.
 - Sent email to academic team advisors, with application deadline of 11/1
 - Four teams have already submitted grant requests.
 - Will vote on submissions at the November meeting.
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Andrea Pitzel
 - On sale at the SHS Bookstore
 - Sales: \$1311
 - Will invoice guidance for purchase of 20 planners
- **Book Sales** Andrea Pitzel
 - Second Quarter books are stocked and available for purchase
 - Sold 155 books in first 3 days of quarter
 - English 12 title is on partial backorder, with limited stock at SHS
 - Ordered 160, received 76
 - Sold all, which makes up 48% of total sales
 - Out of stock, turning students away
 - Income:
 - Reflects First Quarter Venmo sales only: \$1045 through mid 10/2022
 - Will invoice SHS for cash/check sales and Free/reduced sales First Quarter
 - Marketing:
 - Teachers received hard copy and electronic fliers for student distribution
 - Naviance email to SHS students sent
 - Solon School District email
 - Email to Solon Academic Boosters members sent

- **Scholarship** Andrea Pitzel
 - No report
- **Shining Star** Andrea Pitzel
 - No report
- **Strive for 0.5** Erica Kanj
 - No report
- **Technology** Madhavi Rubbo
 - Some glitches with backend code. Issue has been fixed.
 - Site is a little slow but that is because of the online store.
 - Looking for volunteer to shadow Madhavi Rubbo and take over committee next year

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- Proposed Budget vote
 - Emily Johnson made a motion to adopt the proposed budget as presented.
 - Madhavi Rubbo seconded the motion.
 - Verbal vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously
 - Budget approved
- Committee Volunteers

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.