

Solon Academic Boosters Club

February 15, 2023 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance via Zoom: Andrea Pitzel, Emily Johnson, Jennifer Shusterman, Candice Walker, Erica Kanj, and Madahvi Rubbo

Call to Order Andrea Pitzel

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Secretary's Report Emily Johnson

January meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the SAB website.

President's Report Andrea Pitzel

- Reminders/Dates
 - Rejoin the meeting if the free meeting minutes end
 - Senior scholarship applications due 03/08
 - Next meeting Wednesday, 03/15/23
 - Rising Stars Tuesday, 03/21/23
 - Early Morning Bake Sale Wednesday, 03/22 /23
- Thank you to the following individuals:
 - Jay Dorairaj, for working the 8th grade parent orientation at SHS on 01/19.
 - Anju Agarwal, Jen Schusterman, and Candice Walker, for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition, on 01/26.
 - Ava Farivar, Jennifer Grossman, Tabitha Howell, Teanna Pollard, Robin Siff, L Smith, and Leah Streem, for volunteering for the Rising Stars Winter Luncheon.
 - The parents who donated baked goods, fruit, and candy for the event and bake sale.
 - Dawn Haynes, Erica Kanj, and Candice Walker, for working the early morning bake sale, 01/27/23.
 - Paula Telepak, for providing support for the student awards.
 - Erica Kanj, Strive for 0.5 Committee Chair, for completing Strive for 0.5 Awards for students First Quarter to Second Quarter.
 - Dawn Haynes, Emily Johnson, Erica Kanj and Madhavi Rubbo, for the behind-the-scenes operational support.

Treasurer's Report Erica Kanj

- January bake sale generated a little under \$300.
- January book sales from Venmo were roughly \$1500.
- Venmo continues to be popular as a payment option at the bookstore.
- Spent roughly \$750 on January Rising Stars Luncheon. Tracking underspent when using parent donations to offset cost.

- Good news: Solon Academic Boosters was approved with “Charity status for Paypal”. Fees will drop from 3.49% to 1.99% Fixed fee remains the same: \$0.49 (or \$0.10 if under \$10) per transaction.
- Using Paypal charity status to try to get a charity Venmo account.
- Currently, Erica has a personal account, then a secondary business account for SABC. With a new treasurer, we will need to switch accounts.

Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards/Graduation Medals** Andrea Pitzel
 - Awaiting tentative numbers for honor roll awards and graduation awards in early March.
 - Will need committee chair for next year
- **Academic Teams Support** Andrea Pitzel
 - Need a chair for next year
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Andrea Pitzel
 - Need a chair for next year
- **Book Sales** Andrea Pitzel
 - Received Second Quarter SHS book payment, \$10,713, for cash and free/reduced lunch student sales.
 - Received teacher Fourth Quarter book selections.
 - Will submit Fourth Quarter book order this week.
 - Third Quarter books are stocked and available for purchase: cash, checks payable to Solon Board of Education, and Venmo @SHSacademicboosters.
- **Bylaws** Andrea Pitzel
 - No report
- **College Essay Workshop** Andrea Pitzel
 - Met with essay advisors at the end of January to review last year’s feedback and begin planning the program for this year.
 - 20% increase for essay advisor fees (haven’t raised rates in several years).
 - Increase in their fees will result in an increase in our charged fees to cover Paypal charges.
 - More details will be available in March.
- **Corporate Membership** Andrea Pitzel
 - No report
- **Fundraising** Jen Schusterman
 - Held Early Morning Bake Sale Friday, 01/27
 - Roughly \$50 of profits are for PTA, from sales of Coffee Bar leftovers.
 - Made roughly \$245.
 - Next bake sale is scheduled for Wednesday, 03/22.
 - Amazon Smiles program ending 02/20/23, with corporate focus shifting from local charities to broader impact programs.
 - Thanks to those who designated Solon Academic Boosters as their charitable choice when shopping with Amazon.
 - Spring fundraiser?
 - Elle, Birdgio, and 56 Kitchen fundraiser (10%) as an idea: Candice Walker to take the lead
 - Chipotle fundraiser as a possibility
- **Membership** Andrea Pitzel for Dawn Haynes
 - No report
- **Rising Stars** Jen Shusterman

- STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students.
- Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, and effort.
- Hosted Rising Stars Event on 01/26/23.
 - Purchased pizza and salads from Gionino's.
 - Donations of salads, fruit, candy, and desserts from parents.
 - Don't have a count of how many students came.
- Next Rising Stars event is a Dessert Bar on 03/21/23
 - Signup genius requesting donations and volunteers completed by 03/03/23.
- **Scholarship** Andrea Pitzel
 - Applications posted online 01/31/23.
 - Parent/guardian must be a Solon Academic Boosters member by 12/31/22 to apply.
 - Completed senior scholarships due to guidance 03/08.
- **Shining Star** Andrea Pitzel
 - No report
- **Strive for 0.5** Erica Kanj
 - Recognized 50+ students who raise GPA by 0.5 or greater from First Quarter to Second Quarter.
 - Students received a letter, certificate, and a goody bag of candy.
- **Technology** Madhavi Rubbo
 - Lots of web updates this past month
 - Upcoming project: college essay workshop registration
 - Denise Elliot will be chairing technology next year and will join Mahavi this Spring to help with uploading Essay Workshop registration on website

Unfinished Business

- Open committees for 2023-24
 - Academic Awards (National Merit Luncheon, Year-End Awards)
 - Academic Teams Support
 - Agendas/student planners
 - Book sales co-chair
 - Fundraising

New Business

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.