

## Solon Academic Boosters Club

January 17, 2024 Meeting

Officers:

- PRESIDENT: Emily Johnson/Ava Farivar
- TREASURER: Erica Kanj
- SECRETARY: Amanda Musick

In attendance via Zoom or Market District: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Erica Kanj, Ava Farivar, Jody Halley, Robin Siff, Holly Boykin, and Teanna Pollard

### **Call to Order**

Emily Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

### **Secretary's Report**

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the December meeting were approved and posted to the website. There was no December meeting. Please send any reports to [kelsey.musick@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.musick@gmail.com).

### **President's Report**

Emily Johnson

- Welcome and Introduction
- Date Reminders:
  - 8 th grade SHS orientation 01/18
  - Rising Stars 01/25
  - Next meeting 2/14
- Thank you to the following individuals:
  - Ava Farivar and Laura Cohen, for stocking the Third Quarter required reading at the SHS Bookstore.
  - Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker, for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition, to be held 01/25.
  - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
  - Denise Elliot, for maintaining the technology platform including updating the membership page and Rising Stars page.
  - Erica Kanj, for managing the budget planning and finances, including Venmo transactions.
  - Amanda Musick, for compiling the meeting minutes.

## Treasurer's Report

Erica Kanj

- Current checking account balance is \$56,757 and \$23,160 in our savings account. Financially on track.
  - Largest income in December was for books sold. Biggest December expense was Rising Stars at just under \$500 and an annual website fee for \$169.
- We continue to receive a lot of payments via Venmo for the bookstore.
  - Noting that there are issues with some families selecting the bookstore Venmo to pay other school fees and a refund is given minus the transaction fee of 30 cents so SAB does not absorb the loss.
- Waiting to receive a bill from our accountant (estimated \$350). He has been MIA since October when he emailed our tax returns. We should find a new person for next year.
  - John Heckman was recommended.

## Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit) Emily Johnson for Candice Walker
  - No report
- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Tera Gross
  - Ava will meet with Tera to discuss the orders needed such as pins.
- **Academic Teams Support** Emily Johnson for Shakari Donerson
  - No report
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily Johnson for Christa Bomeli
  - No report
- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar
  - Third quarter sales has gone well - 2 books have sold out
  - 4th quarter ordering will happen soon and planning for summer orders in March
- **Bylaws** Erica Kanj and Jody Halley
  - Met in November with Emily to do a general revision since it has not been updated in recent years
  - Changes will be reviewed and voting to occur during this meeting

- **College Essay Workshop** Robin Siff
  - Susan has found 2 others to help instruct the workshop
    - Concern for adding a 3rd person will increase costs since costs were already increased last year
  - Emily and Robin to meet with Susan next week
    - Discussion to ensure staying within the agreed budget
  
- **Corporate Membership** Holly Boykin
  - Website has been updated with corporate sponsorship opportunities
  - Flyer has been published and should be used to approach vendors
  - Continuing to work to develop who to approach
  - We have one corporate membership - funding the next Rising Star event
  
- **Fundraising** Emily Johnson for Anju Agarwal
  - Chipotle Fundraiser
    - Not as successful as hoped - only \$99 earned.
    - Looking for a spring event
  
- **Membership** Dawn Hayes
  - Staff members:
    - 71 staff member YTD 2023-24
    - 53 staff members YTD 2022
    - 69 staff members FY 2021-22
    - 67 staff members YTD 2020 (virtual)
    - 59 staff members YTD 2019
  - Parent members:
    - 149 parent members YTD 2023-24
    - 122 parent members YTD 2022
    - 297 parent members FY 2021-22
    - 111 parent members YTD 2020 (virtual)
    - 155 parent members YTD 2019
  - Corporate members:
    - One (new!)
  
- **Rising Stars** Ava Farivar for Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker
  - STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students
  - Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, and effort
  - January 25th event will be a hot chocolate dessert bar utilizing donations
    - Corporate donor is paying for event
    - Signup is coming for volunteers
  - Future Rising Stars Dates: MAR 21

- **Scholarship** Emily Johnson
  - Application form sent to guidance for posting
  - Applications will be available to seniors online 01/31
  - Parent/guardian must be a Solon Academic Boosters member to apply
  - Completed senior scholarships due to guidance in early March
  
- **Shining Star** Teanna Pollard
  - No report
  
- **Strive for 0.5** \*Erica Kanj
  - Second Quarter grades have just been finalized
  - A student list compiled of those that improved by 0.5 from one semester to the next will be provided at the end of January by Paula
  - Looking for future member to take over for Erica
    - 95% done at home (printing the certificates and making the candy bags)
    - Robin Siff volunteered
  
- **Technology** Emily Johnson for Denise Elliot
  - Take a look at the website a lot of improvements have been made

### **Unfinished Business**

- Open committees for 2023-24
- College Essay Workshop-scheduling
- Corporate Membership-sending out emails to companies

### **New Business**

- **Nomination Committee**
  - Looking for volunteers to serve
  - 2 Executive Board members
    - Confirmed Erica, Ava and Amanda
  - 3 Committee chairs or members at large
    - Confirmed Jody, Robin and Tera
  - Nominations in March and vote on slate in April
- **Bylaw Amendment Vote**
  - Motions made by Erica to accept the Bylaws as presented and motion was seconded by Jody
  - Vote was unanimous and Bylaws were approved

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

**CONTACTS:**

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

**MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm: FEB 21, MAR 20, APR 17, MAY 15

**RISING STARS:** JAN 25, MAR 21