

# Solon Academic Boosters Club

February 21, 2024 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance via Zoom: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Erica Kanj, Ava Farivar, Candice Walker, Dawn Haynes, Robin Siff, Holly Boykin, Teanna Pollard and Laurie Mohler

## Call to Order

Emily Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

## Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the January meeting were approved and posted to the website. Please send any reports to [kelsey.musick@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.musick@gmail.com).

## President's Report

Emily Johnson

- Thank you to the following individuals:
  - Erica Kanj for coordinating the Strive for .5 awards in February
  - Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker, for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition, held 1/25.
  - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
  - Denise Elliot, for maintaining the technology platform.
  - Erica Kanj, for managing the budget planning and finances, including Venmo transactions.
  - Amanda Musick, for compiling the meeting minutes.
  - Nominating Committee for volunteering and quickly organizing

## Treasurer's Report

Erica Kanj

- Finances are current and on track
  - Membership is just a few hundred dollars away from goal.
    - Unlikely to reach goal given decline of student population and lack of membership direct paper mailings
    - Recommendation to revisit prior use of paper mailing membership forms with the 4 other student organizations and share the school's mail discount
- Main income for January:
  - Over \$600 in Venmo bookstore sales
  - Just \$100 from the Chipotle fundraiser
  - Membership was over \$800 from people joining to have early access to college essay workshops

- Main Expenses for January:
  - Accountant was paid for \$350
  - Just over \$10,000 to Fireside books for the third quarter books
  - Rising Stars was \$361. They have spent a total of \$1,139.09 out of a budget of \$3k.

## Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit) Candice Walker
  - No report
  
- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Tera Gross
  - Review of costs with Erica - noted all within budget
  - Reviewed all inventory and will order what is needed for honor roll awards and graduation medals
  - Assembly: some items to be put together - may reach out if help is needed
  
- **Academic Teams Support** Emily Johnson
  - No report
  
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily Johnson for Christa Bomeli
  - No report
  
- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar
  - Planning on ordering 4Q books soon
    - Agreed to ensure week prior to Spring Break
  - AP European History book concerns
    - Previous years no purchases
    - Plan is to order half the class (8) and be able to return within 30 day window
  
- **Bylaws** Emily Johnson, Erica Kanj and Jody Halley
  - No report
  
- **College Essay Workshop** Robin Siff
  - Emily and Robin met with Susan
    - Agreement to reduce the number of workshops from 6 to 5 - given small class sizes
    - Working to confirm dates and then contract by mid March
    - Looking for additional help for this committee to assist with scheduling

- **Corporate Membership** Holly Boykin
  - Reviewed the Solon Chamber of Commerce website
    - Allows us to use the business directory by category - we can get names of businesses and contact information.
    - By doing it this way, we don't have to incur the cost of joining
  
- **Fundraising** Emily Johnson for Anju Agarwal
  - Spring Fundraiser possibilities
  
- **Membership** Dawn Haynes
  - Staff members:
    - 74 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:
    - 174 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 (expecting an additional one shortly)
  
- **Rising Stars** Ava Farivar for Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker
  - STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students
  - Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, and effort
  - Future Rising Stars Dates: March date moved to April 16th
    - Moved due to a religious holiday
  
- **Scholarship** Emily Johnson
  - Application applications are available to seniors online
  - Parent/guardian must be a Solon Academic Boosters member to apply.
  - Completed senior scholarships due to guidance on Thursday, March 14 at 3:15 PM
  - At the time of the meeting 5 scholarship readers/judges have been confirmed
    - 9th Grade parent, 10th grade parent, 11th grade parent, committee chair/executive board member, member at large or alumni

- **Shining Star** Teanna Pollard
  - No report
  
- **Strive for 0.5** \*Erica Kanj
  - 52 students qualified and received their treat
  - Robin Siff will be taking over this committee next year
  
- **Technology** Denise Elliot
  - Ready to post about essay workshops

### **Unfinished Business**

- Open committees for 2023-24
  - College Essay Workshop-scheduling
- Open committees for 2024-2025
- Nominating Committee Updates
  - Completed the task and is ready to submit slate of candidates as follows:
    - President - Emily Johnson
    - Vice President - Ava Farivar
    - Treasury - Laurie Mohler
    - Secretary - Amanda Musick

### **New Business**

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

### **CONTACTS:**

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### **UPCOMING DATES:**

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

**RISING STARS:** APR 16