

Solon Academic Boosters Club

February, 2025 Meeting

Officers:

- PRESIDENT: Emily Johnson
- VICE PRESIDENT: Ava Farivar
- TREASURER: Laurie Mohler
- SECRETARY: Amanda Musick

In attendance: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Tera Gross, Kavyashree Kottagi, Denise Elliot, and Laura Cohen

Call to Order

Emily Johnson*

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

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.

President's Report

Emily Johnson*

- Thank you to the following individuals:
 - Anju Agarwal, Candice Walker, and Ava Farivar for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition on 01/23.
 - Parent volunteers for serving at the Rising Stars event.
 - Robin Siff for organizing the College Essay Workshop program.
 - Laura Cohen for working with Guidance to get the Scholarship application posted.
 - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
 - Denise Elliot, for maintaining the technology platform.
 - Laurie Mohler, for managing the budget planning and finances.
 - Amanda Musick, for compiling the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Amanda for Laurie Mohler

- Income:
 - A couple deposits for 3rd quarter books, \$1330.27 total 3Q and membership

Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit) Candice Walker
 - No report
- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Tera Gross

- Confirmed inventory on 1/31
 - Planning to work ahead this year and place orders now, as Paula's number have been confirmed
 - Review of letters, torches and lamps
 - Graduation Medals - need to be priced out
- **Academic Teams Support** Emily for Robin Siff
 - All grants given out were cashed
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily for Christa Bomeli
 - Sale for \$5, planning to give away the remainder
 - Confirmed sales are at a break-even point
 - Preorder of 250 for agendas for next year has been placed
- **Book Sales** Emily for Ava Farivar*
 - Q3 still available
- **Bylaws** Emily Johnson*
 - No report
- **College Essay Workshop** Emily for Robin Siff*
 - Met in January with the instructors, discussed feedback from last year
 - Ways to improve, better accommodate students, dates and rooms
 - Sent contracts sent to advisors and awaiting signature
 - Plan to have 5 college essay workshop sessions
 - Includes 3 times in person and 1 one-on-one
 - Plan to continue with two workshops for supplemental essays
- **Corporate Membership** Emily for Teanna Pollard
 - No report
- **Fundraising** Emily for Anju Agarwal*
 - No report
- **Membership** Emily for Dawn Haynes
 - A few came in after the 8th orientation and we will plan to roll them over to next year
 - Staff members:
 - 80 staff member YTD 2024-25

- 75 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:
 - 150 parent members YTD 2024-25
 - 192 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:
 - Three

- **Rising Stars** Emily for Candice Walker
 - STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students
 - Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, leadership, citizenship, academic performance
 - Future reference working with the cafeteria to order cookies at .75
 - Good to give money back to the solon schools
 - Lynn Hutchison is the nutritionist and easy to work with

- **Scholarship** Laura Cohen
 - Initial issue with the old application posted for seniors - it was corrected to not include the essay this year
 - A different format for judges with a detailed rubric will be used this year, making it easier and more objective for new judges - Laura will be working to confirm judges
 - All applications are due to guidance by 3/13

- **Shining Star** Teanna Pollard
 - No report

- **Strive for 0.5** Emily for Robin Siff*
 - Emily confirmed they were distributed for January
 - There were 64 students who improved their GPA by .5 from first semester to second semester. Each student received a certificate and a bag of candy.

- **Technology** Denise Elliot

- Emily requested to review College essay workshop set up - to improve the scheduling and reduce manual updates by email by adding a “quantity” function for it is “full.”
 - Denise confirmed it is an easy fix for her to limit availability and will need a cap number to close it at “22, 23 or higher” (those numbers tbd). Denise would like those numbers to fixed and remain so, to avoid any issues with mistaken appearances of preferential treatment

Unfinished Business

- Nominating Committee filled
 - Lee Cureton volunteered
 - Nomination committee met tonight after the general meeting and will present those nominations at the March meeting and then vote at the April meeting.

New Business

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

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UPCOMING DATES:

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday monthly, 7 pm: MAR 19, APR 16, MAY 21

RISING STARS: Apr 8