

Solon Academic Boosters Club

April 16, 2025 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Carol Mann, Ava Farivar, Laura Cohen, Robin Siff, Laurie Mohler, Candice Walker, Dawn Haynes and Denise Elliot

Call to Order

Emily Johnson*

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the March 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:
 - Tera Gross for coordinating, ordering, and assembling the year-end academic awards.
 - Ava Farivar for ordering and stocking the bookstore for 4th Quarter reading books
 - Ava Farivar, Laura Cohen, Carol Mann, and Christa Bomeli for their work on the summer reading and student planners in order to get the pre order process ready.
 - Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker for coordinating the April Rising Stars lunch.
 - Robin Siff and Denise Elliot for all their help coordinating the College Essay Workshop program including registration reports, website updates, support with college essay advisors, and overall support.
 - Our 5 scholarship judges for carving time out from spring break to review the scholarship applications.
 - Laura Cohen for overseeing the Scholarship Committee
 - Dawn Haynes, for updating membership lists
 - Robin Siff, for working on the Strive for 0.5 Awards.
 - Teanna Pollard, for coordinating the Shining Stars program with a tight deadline coming back from Spring Break.
 - Amanda Musick, for taking meeting minutes and getting them sent to Denise for the website.
 - Committee chairs, for all the behind-the-scenes operational support over the past two years.

Treasurer's Report

Laurie Mohler

- Highlights
 - Paid for Rising star costs - just under budget: \$1,368
 - Paid Fireside Bookshop: \$4,879.87
 - Paid for Gino Awards and Jostens for Academic Awards: \$374.50 and \$1,404
 - Received payment from school for books: \$12,296
 - First round of essay workshops coming in around 21k - will be reflected next month

Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit) Candice Walker
 - No report

- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Amanda for Tera Gross
 - All of the awards are in and counted. All awards have been stapled with a yellow Boosters 'Congratulations' tag, except the GPA 4+ medals - All awards are currently in the ABC cabinets in the teachers lounge.
 - Silver Lamps- 295
 - Gold Lamps- 196
 - 3.5-3.99 GPA medals (blue/white ribbon)- 111
 - 4.0+ GPA medals (blue ribbon)- 134
 - Letters + Torches combo- 250
 - Letters only- 10
 - Torches only- 2

- **Academic Teams Support** Emily for Robin Siff*
 - We ran a Concessions Stand for the Academic Challenge Team on 4/12/25 using our Square system in order to capture credit card and Apple Pay sales for the team who is raising money for travel to national competition. We will be cutting them a check from their proceeds taken in using the Square. We did charge an additional processing fee of \$0.50 for each transaction to offset the Square transaction fees.
 - Creative Writing: Emily asks that we need to note and reach out to this new team that was added this year next year to ensure they are supported

- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily for Christa Bomeli
 - Ordered 250 and included on pre-orders.

- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar*

 - Q4 Summer reading books have been posted online
 - Pamphlets dropped for 8th grade (a large class over 400)
 - Carole is working on the reduce list due by May 1st

- **Bylaws** Emily Johnson*

 - Will redistribute to new executive board for May meeting
 - Will be added to the Admin section of the website for all members

- **College Essay Workshop** Robin Siff*

 - Junior English classes had visitations by students who participated in the workshops the first week of April.
 - The counselors will select 5 students for a scholarship entry
 - Early online registration began on APR 3. Open registration began APR 7.
 - Promo: flier in English class, email to Academic Boosters members, FB post ABC and SHS PTA, Ms. Short's biweekly Stay in the Know emails
 - Target enrollment: minimum of 15, maximum of 26
 - Current registration for the college essay writing workshops, as of 04/16:
 - Session 1:26 (Max)
 - Session 2:26 (Max)
 - Session 3:16
 - Session 4:6
 - Session 5:9
 - Supplemental workshops: 1.) 20 2.) 7

- **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:
 - 170 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:
 - Four

- **Rising Stars**

Emily for Candice Walker

- STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students
 - Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, leadership, citizenship, academic performance
 - We hosted the third Rising Stars BBQ event on 04/8
 - 283 students were nominated by their teachers.
 - Plan to purchase a new gas grill, cover, and propane to be kept under the stadium
 - Upgraded option available at sam clubs available for \$500 to be split with the PTA

- **Scholarship**

Laura Cohen

- Recommendations were made by the Executive board and discussed at the April meeting on scholarship amounts and number of recipients
 - 23 out of 34 scholarships awarded this year
 - 23 scholarships awarded a total of \$20,500 - 67% of applicants
 - On May 13th the awards winners will be recognized at the Senior Awards Program

- **Shining Star**

Emily for Teanna Pollard

- Teanna has handed out the forms for Seniors to nominate special a staff person in the building

- **Strive for 0.5**

Robin Siff*

- Planning for April delivery, now that the 3rd quarter is over
- Will provide candy for those students that increased their GPA by .5.
- Plan to order candy from Amazon and send links to Laurie (Treasurer) to order and she will send direct to Robin for distribution

- **Technology**

Denise Elliot

- All updates have been made and on track for essay workshop and online bookstore
 - Emily noted extremely helpful improvements over last year's process to reduce process flow issues and ensure no confusion on which session - Thank you Denise!

Unfinished Business

- Set up meeting with Erin Short to discuss bookstore
 - We are going to further discuss the book order processes that are an issue

New Business

- Candance would like to make a motion to buy a grill, plus a cover, and propane tank for Rising Stars events
 - Motion was seconded by Laura Cohen
 - Vote was unanimous and purchase was approved
 - Send ordering link to Laurie and she will send the grill to the High School
 - Email to Becky and Heidi of the PTA with updates
- Nominating Committee presents the slate
 - Laura Cohen announced the slate
 - Dawn Haynes for President
 - Carol Mann for Vice President
 - Laurie Mohler for Treasurer (returning)
 - Amanda Musick for Secretary (returning)
 - Floor open for additional nominations
 - No additional nominations made
 - Verbal vote - the slate has been nominated
- Year End celebration May meeting
 - Burgers 2 Beer at 5:30pm on May 14th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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UPCOMING DATES:

MEETINGS: Installation of officers - May 14th at Burgers 2 Beer

HONOR AWARDS: 5/13 - 8am Junior Honors Award and 5pm Senior Honor Award,

5/14 - 8am Sophomore Honors Award, 5/15 - 8am Freshman Honor Award