

## Solon Academic Boosters Club

May 29, 2024 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance in person: Emily Johnson, Erica Kanj, Amanda Musick, Ava Farivar, Dawn Haynes, Robin Siff, Candance Walker, Teanna Pollard, Jody Halley, Anju Agarwal, Denise Elliott, Tera Gross, Laurie Mohler and Laura Cohen

### Call to Order

Emily Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:20PM.

### Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

April meeting minutes were approved and posted on the Solon Academic Boosters website.

### President's Report

Emily Johnson

- Thank you to the following individuals:
  - Tera Gross and Ava Farivar for coordinating the year-end academic awards and recruiting volunteers to help Paula Telepak organize the awards.
  - Ava Farivar for coordinating Summer Reading orders and organizing volunteers for book sorting and book pick up.
  - Christa Bomeli and Ava Farivar for their work on student planners pre-orders.
  - Robin Siff, for her continued support of the College Essay Workshop program.
  - Erica Kanj for speaking at the first awards assembly.
  - Denise Elliot, for coordinating the college essay workshop registrations, updating the website for the college essay workshop, and running registration and membership reports.
  - Dawn Haynes, for updating membership lists.
  - Erica Kanj, for her work on the budget, PayPal reports, and taking care of the Venmo account.
  - Amanda Musick, for taking meeting minutes.
  - Erica Kanj, Denise Elliot, Ava Farivar, and Amanda Musick, for the behind-the-scenes operational support.

### Treasurer's Report

Erica Kanj

- Income for April and May have been very busy.
  - Main income: \$14,000 board of edu. check for 3rd quarter book sales
  - Some venmo deposits and a few last minute memberships for \$267.17
  - \$32,100 from college essay workshop sign-ups

- PayPal: There is also currently over \$8,200 in PayPal, all from the month of May deposited.
  - After a recent PayPal update, our reports to drill down and sort by sku are not running accurately - working with Denise to figure it out in order to give a more accurate end of year report
  - The money is from donations, books, planners or the essay workshops
- Venmo: account closed and plans to move to Square have begun
- Expenses: A large one of \$14,000 for scholarship checks
  - 17 of 25 have been deposited to date
- Our fiscal year ends July 31st so please have any reimbursements in to me at least 2 weeks before that so that I'm not rushed to get checks out.
  - Laurie Mohler, taking the treasurer position will wait until August to obtain software
- It's been a pleasure being treasurer for this organization the last 4 years. I have made some great friends and will miss everyone. Best of luck next year.

## Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit) Candice Walker
  - No report
- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Tera Gross
  - Provided the following academic awards for senior banquet and award assemblies:
    - 198 Graduation Medals
      - 82 Graduation Medals for Academic Excellence, GPA 3.5-3.99 (blue ribbon)
      - 116 Graduation Medals for Academic Excellence, GPA 4.0+ (blue & white ribbon)
    - 650+ Honor Roll Recognition
      - 238 Academic Torch/Letterman (1st year Honor Roll)
      - 40 Academic Torches
      - 198 Silver Lamps of Knowledge (2nd year Honor Roll)
      - 176 Gold Lamps of Knowledge (3rd year Honor Roll)
    - All awards were attached to an Academic Boosters congratulations card.
    - Students will receive their awards before the end of school.
    - Academic Boosters introduction during award assemblies - thank you to Emily Johnson and Erica Kanj.
  - Final inventory is being updated for next year
  - Lost and broken pins or medals
    - Medals: Lost ones will not be replaced
    - Pins: Plenty on hand to replace lost or broken pins
    - Gold Lamps of Knowledge pins were noted several times to break at the pin, no issue with silver pins, the company sent replacement packs of 25

pins.

- **Academic Teams Support** Emily Johnson
  - No report
  - Robin Siff volunteered to chair the position next year
  
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Ava Farivar
  - Sold 70 online during pre-order with summer reading
  
- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar
  - Summer reading books were available via pre-order on the web from 4/22-5/9
  - Thanks to those who placed an order for an agenda/book
  - Summer order communications
  - Hard copy flier for English teachers at SHS and SMS, AP History and AP Spanish teachers
  - Electronic fliers for teachers
  - FB post to SHS PTA, SMS PTA and Academic Boosters
  - Morning announcements at SHS and SMS
  - Tammy Strom sent emails to SMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders the first day of sale and last day of sale helped drive sales
  - SHS Principal, Erin Short, sent emails to students and their parents
  - Book Sales
    - Orders
      - Incoming 9<sup>th</sup>: 190
      - Incoming 10<sup>th</sup>: 65
      - Incoming 11<sup>th</sup>: 20
      - Incoming 12<sup>th</sup>: 8
      - AP classes: 132
    - Worked with Carol Schultz at bookstore to get numbers of students by English class for those on the free/reduced lunch program
      - Additional 191 books for FLP students
      - Will invoice to SHS
  - Books delivered to SHS. 82 copies of 9HE book: World Mythology For Beginners have to be ordered elsewhere. For next year, need to check the availability of this title
  - Volunteers needed for book sort on 5/22: 5 volunteers 10:00-12:00 shift. The sorting step may be eliminated for next year.
  - Volunteers needed for book pickup Tuesday 5/28 and Wednesday 5/29
  - SMS students picked up books on 5/23 and 5/24. 9HE students were informed to pick up World Mythology books at a later date when they are available
  - SHS students picked up books on 5/28 and 5/29 during exam week

- Next year, consider relocate pickup to in front of the bookstore to be more visible to students

- **Bylaws**

- No report

- **College Essay Workshop**

Robin Siff

- Current registration for the college essay writing workshops, as of 05/25, with cap increase to 28 max:
  - Session 1: 25
  - Session 2: 28
  - Session 3: 28
  - Session 4: 24
  - Session 5: 23
  - Supplemental 1: 26
  - Supplemental 2: 28

- **Corporate Membership**

- No report

- **Fundraising**

- No report

- **Membership**

Dawn Haynes

- Staff members:
  - 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:
  - 196 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

- **Rising Stars** Candice Walker
  - No report
  
- **Scholarship** Emily Johnson
  - Awarded 24 scholarships totalling \$14,000
  
- **Shining Star** Teanna Pollard
  - No report
  
- **Strive for 0.5** \*Erica Kanj
  - No report
  
- **Technology** Denise Elliot
  - Will be working to shut down PayPal and using Ecwid
  - Ready to partner with Laurie Mohler on the transition

### **Unfinished Business**

- Open Committees and confirming chairs for 2024-2025:
  - Academic Team Support - Robin Siff volunteered
  - Corporate Membership
  
- Audit Committee
  - Good time to ensure a solid transition from Erica to Laurie
  - Teanna Pollard and Denise Elliot volunteered

### **New Business**

- Welcome to officers for 2024-2025
  - President - Emily Johnson
  - Vice President - Ava Farivar
  - Treasurer - Laurie Mohler
  - Secretary - Amanda Musick
  
- Thank you to senior parents

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Book Pick-up:** August 28, August 29

**SMS Orientation:** August 8; **Curriculum Night:** August 28

**MEETING:** Sept 18