

## Solon Academic Boosters Club

October 16, 2024 Meeting

### Officers:

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

In attendance via SHS: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Denise Elliot, Laura Cohen, and Carol Mann

### Call to Order

Emily Johnson\*

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

### Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the September 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:
  - Ava Farivar, Carol Mann and Laura Cohen for stocking the SHS Bookstore for Second Quarter required reading books.
  - Robin Siff for coordinating the Academic Team mini-grants
  - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
  - Amanda Musick, for compiling the meeting minutes.
  - Laurie Mohler, for managing the budget planning and finances.
  - Denise Elliot, for hosting the technology platforms for the online store and membership.

### Treasurer's Report

Amanda for Laurie Mohler

- September to October was pretty light.
  - Membership and some 1st quarter book sales.
  - Switched over a couple recurring charges to the new credit card.
    - Laura asked for confirmation of what recurring charges include: Denise confirmed Hosting, Wordpress and Square going forward
    - Discussed Square versus Zeffy (used for nonprofits per Carol and Laura set up at the middle school concessions eliminates the extra fees)

### Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards** (National Merit)
  - National Merit Recognition

Emily for Candice Walker

- 54 students recognized in 2022
- 50 students recognized in 2023
- **73 students to be recognized in 2024**
- 27 Semi-Finalist Scholars
- 28 Commended Scholars
- 18 African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and First Generation Award recipients
  - Luncheon: Changed to November 11th.

- **Academic Awards (Year-End)** Tera Gross
  - No report
  
- **Academic Teams Support** Emily for Robin Siff
  - A grant was offered to the Middle School team
  
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily for Christa Bomeli
  - Signing agreement for next year's planner - reduced order to 250 given the reduction of interest this year.
    - Still have roughly 50 left for 2024-25
      - Will post on Facebook PTAs again for post-1st quarter appeal
  
- **Book Sales** Laura Cohen and Carol Mann
  - Stocked 2nd quarter and ready to sell on Monday, 10/21.
    - Fliers and posters to be done also on Monday 10/21.
    - Laura, Carol and Emily will be helping in the bookstore
  - Keeping some 1st quarter books per confirmation from teachers
  
- **Bylaws** Emily Johnson\*
  - No report
  
- **College Essay Workshop** Robin Siff\*
  - No report
  
- **Corporate Membership** Emily for Teanna Pollard
  - Looking for at least 3 more donors
    - Potentials discussed to include the Bomeli's and Teresa Whitham
  
- **Fundraising** Emily for Anju Agarwal
  - Fall Fundraiser
    - Dough Street is being researched as a potential fundraiser

- Emily will contact the owner, Katie Pollock
- Denise to research adding to our current website to accommodate orders

- **Membership**

Emily for Dawn Haynes

- Staff members:
  - 76 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:
  - 112 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:
  - One

- **Rising Stars**

Emily for Candice Walker

- STARS= Solon Teachers Are Recognizing Students
- Teachers recognize students: motivation, perseverance, leadership, citizenship, academic performance
- Upcoming fall event: OCT 24

- **Scholarship**

Emily Johnson\*

- No report

- **Shining Star**

Teanna Pollard

- No report

- **Strive for 0.5**

Robin Siff\*

- No report

- **Technology**

Denise Elliot

- Working on a summary of all costs
- Discussed the issue of hotmail email kickbacks: To resolve, considering the use of our Dot5Hosting email platform - would be 36 dollars a year, unlimited access to a google platform with all emails using the nomenclature

- “@solonacademicboosters” for all users. For example:  
“bookstore@solonacademicboosters”
- Working with Robin and Emily on website on mini grants language

### **Unfinished Business**

- Change of date for National Merit Recognition Lunch
  - Possible date of November 6th (Wednesday) to be confirmed

### **New Business**

- A Proposed Budget vote with increase in National Merit Lunch budget to \$1,000
  - Laura Cohen moved to approve the increase, Carol Mann, second the motion, All members present were in favor and replied “Aye.”
- Budget vote
  - Review and discussed changes
  - Denise Elliot moved to approve the budget, Laura Cohen, second the motion, All members present were in favor and replied “Aye.”

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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### **UPCOMING DATES:**

**MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm: NOV 20, JAN 22 (due to break, 4th Wed.)

**RISING STARS:** OCT 24, JAN 23, APR 8

**NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION:** NOV 11