

Solon Academic Boosters Club

November 20, 2024 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance at SHS: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Denise Elliot, Laura Cohen, Lee and Erica Cureton, Ava Farivar, Dawn Haynes and Robin Siff

Call to Order

Emily Johnson*

Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the October 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:
 - Laura Cohen and Carol Mann for stocking the SHS Bookstore for Second Quarter required reading books and helping Carol Shultz with sales.
 - Robin Siff for coordinating the Academic Team mini-grants.
 - Candice Walker and Anju Agarwal for organizing and hosting the first Rising Stars celebration.
 - Candice Walker for planning the National Merit Luncheon
 - 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

- Sent the information off for the taxes to be prepared.
- Income:
 - Fundraiser: \$426.55
 - 2nd Quarter Books (Online only not bookstore): \$1,545.51
 - Membership: \$928.28 since last meeting, \$5,233.98 in total
 - 2 corporate memberships since last meeting income: \$727.65
- Expenses:
 - Rising Star Lunch expense:\$996.03
 - National Merit expenses so far: \$245.24
 - Completed the charitable registration (fee of \$50)
 - Paid WPforms renewal \$39.50

- A couple of transactions flowed through paypal - officially shut down the paypal account on 11/15/24

Committee Reports

- **Academic Awards (National Merit)** Emily for Candice Walker
 - National Merit Recognition luncheon held November 11th
 - 73 students recognized in 2024
 - 27 Semi-Finalist Scholars
 - 28 Commended Scholars
 - 18 African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and First Generation Award recipients
- **Academic Awards (Year-End)** Tera Gross
 - No report
- **Academic Teams Support** Emily for Robin Siff
 - Support academic teams that submit a mini-grant request to offset competition fees and equipment purchases, up to \$250.
 - 9 Academic Clubs were emailed a month ago letting them know of the grant available to support their mission
 - Budget for mini-grants is \$1800
 - 6 teams applied for a mini-grant (\$250)
 - Academic Challenge: fees at \$70 per tournament
 - Solon High Speech and Debate: defray costs for 100+ students
 - Science Olympiad: 3D printer
 - Mock Trial: entry fees
 - Future Problem Solvers: t-shirts/mementos to exchange at internationals
 - Middle School-Science Olympiad (includes 9th graders): 3D printer
 - Laura Cohen made a motion to increase the approved \$100 grant for the Middle School Science Olympiad and Erica Cureton to second the motion.
 - Call for a vote on Academic Team mini-grants
 - All members present were in favor and replied "Aye."
- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily for Christa Bomeli
 - Total revenue to date: \$1,055.31
 - Roughly 50 planners remain unsold
 - Agreed to reduce the cost of remaining planners from \$10 to \$5.
 - Discuss strategies to increase sales next year
 - Focus on getting the incoming freshman parents to pre-order
- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar
 - Returned non purchased and no longer needed 1st quarter books
 - Some 1st quarter books will still be purchased
 - 2nd quarter is still active and will plan to look at 3rd quarter in the month of

December

- **Bylaws** Emily Johnson*
 - No report

- **College Essay Workshop** Robin Siff*
 - No report - at least until January

- **Corporate Membership** Emily for Teanna Pollard
 - Three corporations to date

- **Fundraising** Emily for Anju Agarwal
 - Fall Fundraiser
 - Cookie dough fundraiser live on our online store
 - Through Nov 24th
 - Pick up December 14th

- **Membership** Dawn Haynes
 - Staff members:
 - 77 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:
 - 130 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
 - October was a success: pizza, cupcakes, soda - 279 nominated and roughly the same attended
 - January 23rd is the next event: hot chocolate bar

- **Scholarship** Laura Cohan
 - Scholarship Committee met to streamline the process for both students and judges
 - Will be sent to Guidance in December to be posted in January

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

- **Strive for 0.5** Robin Siff*
 - No report - planning on a January report

- **Technology** Denise Elliot
 - Reviewed and discussed technology platform summary
 - Confirmation of request for email/google plan
 - Confirmation of continuing with Square given future advantage with bookstore and reporting capabilities
 - Confirmation of adding a \$2 transaction fee to online purchases to cover square fees

Category	Company Name	Critical Dates	Plan	Yearly Cost
Website Hosting	Dot 5 Hosting	Registered 8/7/2013 Auto Renews 7/23/2025	Prologic Hosting Plan New email/google plan	\$289.94 +\$36.00
Website Software	Word Press	Current Expiration 8/7/2025	WP Optimize	Included with Dot 5
Website Forms	Word Press Forms	Current License Key expires 11/2/2025	WP Forms Basic Plan per year	\$49.50 yr., \$79 next
Online Store	Ecwid	Renews 12/9/2024	Venture Plan \$252 per year. \$2 transaction fee approved to cover Square fees	\$252.00
Current Total				\$627.44

Point of Sale	Square	No expiration	2.9% +\$.30 transaction fee (based on \$53k sales, 1037 transactions YTD)	Approx. \$1,850.00
Point of Sale	PayPal	No expiration	Retired/Account Closed	\$0.00
Point of Sale	Zeffy	No expiration	Free, asks for donation to Zeffy	\$0.00

Unfinished Business

- Zeffy - confirmed off the table, staying with Square

New Business

- Vote on Academic team mini-grants
- Fundraiser
- Scholarship requirements
- New January meeting date - Confirmed January 22nd

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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UPCOMING DATES:

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm: NOV 20, JAN 22

RISING STARS: JAN 23, APR 8