

Solon Academic Boosters Club

January 22, 2025 Meeting

Officers:

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

In attendance via Zoom: Emily Johnson, Amanda Musick, Denise Elliot, Laurie Mohler, Laura Cohen, Carol Mann, Sonal Bandl and Ava Farivar

Call to Order

Emily Johnson*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Musick

Minutes from the November 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:
 - Ava Farivar, Laura Cohen, and Carol Mann for stocking the Third Quarter required reading at the SHS Bookstore.
 - Ava Farivar for manning the ABC table at 8th grade orientation.
 - Laura Cohen for reviewing and submitting scholarship information to Guidance.
 - Anju Agarwal and Candice Walker, for organizing the Rising Stars Student Recognition, to be held 01/23.
 - Dawn Haynes, for collecting and updating the membership data.
 - Denise Elliot, for maintaining the technology platform including updating the membership page and Rising Stars page.
 - Laurie Mohler, for managing the budget planning and finances.
 - Amanda Musick, for compiling the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Laurie Mohler

- Expenses:
 - National Merit \$504
 - Mini Grants \$250 each for 7 groups
 - Renewal for Website \$252
 - Paid for Quarter books \$9947.93
 - Rising Star \$358.76
- Income:
 - Received Donation from Andrea Pitzel \$500 for scholarships
 - Emily asked Laurie to ensure this is a line item under scholarships
 - Fundraiser:

- Paid Dough Street \$315, collected 535.07= profit \$220.07
- Discussion of the cost of Square for Membership donations
 - Laurie noted she is not seeing the \$2 fee with membership and wanted to confirm if that was correct
 - Emily would like Denise to double check the website but agrees the membership should not have the credit card usage fee since it is a donation and not purchasing an item.

Committee Reports

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

- **Academic Awards** (Year-End) Tera Gross
 - No report

- **Academic Teams Support** Emily for Robin Siff
 - Recap of teams awarded mini-grants
 - Thank you emails from some of the team mentors/coaches

- **Agendas/Student Planners** Emily for Christa Bomeli
 - Sale for \$5
 - Sold a few at the SHS After Prom book fair in December
 - Looking for ideas and places to give remaining copies away

- **Book Sales** Ava Farivar*
 - Laura Cohen and Carol Mann handled the sale of the Q3 books with Ava
 - Caught up in billing and confirmed with Laurie the school paid for their portion
 - Q4 book planning in about a month
 - Summer Book pre-order also needs to start

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

- **College Essay Workshop** Emily for Robin Siff*
 - Planning starts now
 - Will be working on contracts and dates with the 3 advisors from last year
 - We have a “shadow” helper this year that will learn the process to help in the following year.

- **Corporate Membership** Emily for Teanna Pollard

- Pitzel family made a donation for \$500 through the company to be earmarked for this year's scholarships.

- **Fundraising**

Emily for Anju Agarwal*

- Recap of Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Collected \$555
- Paid \$315 to Dough Street
- Approximately \$20 in Square fees
- Approximately \$220 in profit

- **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:
 - 138 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
 - January 23rd (tomorrow) is the next event: hot chocolate bar
 - Ava noted Candice ordered cookies and will plan to pick up
 - Along with cinnamon rolls from the cafeteria

- **Scholarship**

Laura Cohan

- Application form sent to guidance for posting
- Applications will be available to seniors online 01/31
- Parent/guardian must be a Solon Academic Boosters family member by 12/31/2024 to apply
- Completed senior scholarships due to guidance in early March
- Extra line item added to budget for \$500 donation to scholarships

- Laura noted needing and ready for next steps with Emily

- **Shining Star** Teanna Pollard
 - No report
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- **Strive for 0.5** Robin Siff*
 - Second Quarter grades have just been finalized
 - Student list will be provided at the end of JAN

- **Technology** Denise Elliot
 - All on track and ready for the next tasks

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Nominating Committee
 - Volunteers- 2 executive board and 3 committee chairs/members at large
 - Looking for volunteers to serve
 - 2 Executive Board members: Emily Johnson and Amanda Musick volunteered
 - 3 Committee chairs or members at large: Laura Cohen and Denise Elliot volunteered - Emily will put a request out looking for one more member
 - Nominations for executive board in March and vote on slate in April
 - Looking for new President and Vice-President positions to fill, since both Emily Johnson and Ava Farivar have seniors.
 - The position of Treasurer (held by Laurie Mohler) and Secretary (held by Amanda Musick) remain fulfilled as neither indicated needing to leave those positions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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UPCOMING DATES:

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

RISING STARS: Jan 23, Apr 8