

5-6-2024 Solon Athletic Boosters Meeting

A regular meeting of the Solon Athletic Boosters started at 6:41 and was led by Robert Farley.

Athletic director's report: "I have to go to the girls' softball sectional game at Akron Ellet tonight so won't be able to attend. Items I would share:"

- Thanks for help with the Tom Iwan Track Invitational
- Interviews going on for the head wrestling coach and hope to have someone soon.
- OHSAA tournaments starting this week – softball and tennis. Baseball, lacrosse and track start next week.
- Vending machine in weight room. JD has reduced the price of the items from what the company wants to charge so there is no profit being made. If you have a better option JD would be happy to discuss.
- Comet Classic Wrestling tournament – Entry fees collected - \$9,105. Cost of officials paid by the athletic department - \$3,534. 1/3 of hockey ice time bill of \$16,937.50 is \$5,645.83. With all the boosters do for out athletic teams we do not ask for the difference of hockey fees which is \$2,111.83

President's report: Positions available are VP, secretary, parent rep, membership chair, concessions chair(s). Also looking for future president and treasurer now so that there is more time to help with the transition. During the meeting Jessica Benavides agreed to be secretary, Andrea Bush agreed to be the membership chair, Laurie Mohler agreed to be the parent rep, Mike Parsons agreed to be VP and Nick Gerhard agreed to be a scholarship committee chair.

We will no longer have involvement at the middle school. The costs outweigh the benefits and we don't get great support from the administration.

There were questions about our organizations future involvement in the Comet Classic. May need to restructure so that we are making more money as happened in years past. Also, same thing with the track relays. Not making the money we used to. Need to raise admission fees.

Secretary's report: April minutes have been posted to the website.

VP report: no report

Treasurer's report:

Total Assets as of April 1, 2024: \$111,257.10

Total Assets as of April 30, 2024: \$99,700.31

Monthly Net Gain/(Loss): (\$14,188.71)

Summary:

Total revenue for the month of April was \$5,248.13. The top income generators for the month of April:

1. February Fundraiser - \$3,211.16
2. Donations - \$965.25
3. Spirit Store Sales - \$461.04
4. Membership Revenue - \$325.00
5. Bank Interest - 114.76

Total Expenses for the month of April was \$19,436.84. Top expenses for the month of April:

1. Scholarships - \$14,650.00
2. Spirit Store - \$1,354.99
3. Sports Programs - \$1,195.50
4. Boys Track - \$965.25
5. Softball - \$540.00
6. Strength & Conditioning - \$351.00
7. Gymnastics - \$166.00
8. Baseball - \$160.00

Going into April, we know that we almost always are going to have a deficit during the month as we don't have a significant amount of revenue and we typically payout the scholarships. During April we actually did our "February Fundraiser" which this year was an online auction that resulted in proceeds of \$3,211.16. In support of the auction there were donations from teams that helped to purchase raffle items. There were also a couple of Spirit Store sales during the year and a couple of people joining the Booster Club.

As mentioned earlier, the significant expense in April was the scholarships which were over \$14,000. Other expenses were inventory for the Spirit Store and Sports Programs that go to the seniors at the winter sports banquets. Also during the month there were four sports teams and the strength and conditioning program and submitted requests that were filled by the club.

The total assets as of April 30, 2024 is \$99,700.31; this represents a decrease in assets of - \$35,190.02 from April 2023. For comparison, at this point last year (March 2023), we had \$135,160.33 in assets. The difference in assets from the previous year can primary be attributed to less revenue, more expenses, and our scholarship expense being recorded in April 2024 versus May 2023 last year.

Requests:

Girls' soccer: Requesting \$2,000 for new backpacks. The current ones are getting old and starting to fall apart. Erica Kanj motions to approve. Darcy Hershey seconds the motions. All in favor. Request approved.

Boys' soccer: Scott Embacher is requesting \$1,000 for new coaches' gear. Questions were brought up to what exactly is being purchase as this information wasn't provided. Three of the coaches are not new and money was given last year for coaches' gear. This request was tabled until further information can be gathered. (addendum: Darcy Hershey emailed the coach to ask what exactly they were looking to purchase and response was 1: gray and navy polos for the 3 new coaches 2:Navy Track suit (jogging suit?) for all five coaches 3:black track suit for 3 new coaches 4: Quarter zip pullover for all five coaches

Football – Requesting \$1,000 for 26 shirts for the coaching staff and also requesting \$2,500 for shirts and shorts for 100 athletes in the fall. Request was tabled as people wanted more information on how exactly we have 26 coaches and also are we sure that there will be 100 athletes in the fall.

Advertising/Marketing – spring sports program is currently being worked on. Photos being taken on Friday. Program will be ready to be handed out on spring sports awards night.

Meeting ended 7:45

Over and out: Erica Kanj 5-7-2024