

4-11-2022 Solon Athletic Boosters Meeting

A regular meeting of the Solon Athletic Boosters started at 6:32 PM led by Rob Farley

Athletic director's report: Maintenance crew has been working hard to try to maintain all the fields. But the grass fields are difficult with all this rain. Sports have been continuing to play as long as there is no lightning. SHS and Orchard have new dugouts.

Secretary's report: Thanks to Sheryl Chaitoff for taking meeting minutes during last month's meeting. Minutes have been posted to the website.

Treasurer's report: There are still a couple scholarship checks outstanding from last year. Working on getting those cashed. We are still in a healthy position. Getting ready to give out the scholarships for this year. Will be preparing the budget for next year.

President's report: Would like to do more for teams. Have more of a presence as an organization at games and events so that people know what we do. Do we do stuff at games like hand out t-shirts? Hotdogs at baseball games? We have to get the word out about all we do. Trying to get the track and field records put up outside rather than in school hallway. Also trying to get baseball records on back of dugouts.

Talked to Tony DeCesare about having a basketball showcase next year. Boosters would get income from door and concession. Thinking to have approximately 10 teams playing all day. Would make a lot of money from this showcase. Probable date is second weekend in December, the weekend after Comet Classic but date is flexible.

Coach Brian Wisniewski: I don't want to always just come in and ask for things. I've talked to other coaches in Aurora, Hudson, Strongsville and Avon that do a fundraiser. I have brought in John Carol from Winning Edge fundraiser to share some information.

John Carol: Started out doing this fundraiser with football because they have the most kids but have expanded to other sports. Winning Edge sponsors the Greater Cleveland Football Coaches Association Coach of the year award. Have given this award to Coach McQuaide several times. The teams can sell discount cards, coupon tickets or just do a virtual blitz. The virtual blitz is a safe and protected platform. Once someone has been asked to donate and does so, they will not be hit with any other emails. If they haven't donated, they get a couple reminders. There is no up-front cost to this program. The company secures the merchants. No charge for unsold cards. Need to know a month and a half before if you want to do the program. Sheryl Chaitoff brought up that SMS does a similar fundraiser so that would need to be considered.

Requests:

Middle School- none

High School – Golf- Last meeting \$2,500 was approved for 12 new golf bags. Asking for \$300 more because need 14 bags, not 12. So need \$2,800. Sheryl Chaitoff motions to approve. Danielle Rose seconds the motion. All in favor. Request approved.

Boys varsity basketball – Requesting new warm ups. The ones they have are 4-5 years old. The current ones could be handed down to JV/Freshman. Need 18 warm up sets costing a little over \$2,000. Rob Farley motions to approve. Allison Jenkins seconds the motion. All in favor. Request approved.

Gymnastics – Requesting backpacks. Do not have any currently. Need 15 bags. There are Nike bags with embroidery for \$850 or Under Armor not embroidered for \$1,000. Allison Jenkins motions to approve \$850 for Nike bags. Erica Kanj seconds the motion. All in favor. Request approved.

Girls Track – Coach bought all new hoodies and sweatshirts for coaches totaling \$530. \$63 a coach. Within pre-approved bylaws to not need a vote for reimbursement.

Committee Reports

Advertising/program – Spring program is delayed. Still need to get team pictures. Hopefully that will get done soon and then to print in the next couple weeks.

Spotlight athlete – Andie Simmons to take over this role

Communications – no report

Concessions – no report

Golf Outing – no report

Mattress Sale – September 17th date. Made \$4,000 last year for doing nothing.

Comet Classic- no report

February fundraiser – no report

Membership – Not many memberships in the last month. Just 8 softball parents registered. Coach states he forgot to mention at meeting and will ask parents to join.

Parent rep – no report

Scholarships – \$18,000 to be given out this year. 35 scholarships total. Erica Kanj motions to approve funds for scholarships. Jill Frazier seconds the motion. All in favor. Scholarship funds approved.

Spirit Store – There will be a sale in May. Also will be selling at two football clinics on Sunday evenings in May.

Solon Relays – Not sure if visitor concession stand will be open. Band will be operating concessions. We will do the gate. Have ordered trophies and working on t-shirts to sell at event.

Queen of Hearts – Over \$15,000 now. Once it is over \$15,000 we get 20% of proceeds.

Respectfully submitted by Erica Kanj 4-12-2022