

9-12-2022 Solon Athletic Boosters Meeting

A regular meeting of the Solon Athletic Boosters started at 6:35 PM led by Rob Farley.

Athletic director's report: "All fall sports are in full swing and doing well." We have had good crowds and good weather for the outdoor games. Our district policy is that we do not live stream. Our goal is to get people to come to the games. Also if there were issues with Huddle, etc, the district has had to deal with those complaints. We are looking to hire a new wrestling coach as well as coaches for girls and boys lacrosse. We just hired Pat Walsh to be the hockey coach. Will be meeting soon with the players. We are already almost halfway through the fall sports season.

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

Treasurer's report: With the beginning of the school year, August is always a very busy month for the Athletic Booster Club. August was filled with FY23 membership renewals, people buying new spirit gear, and the Golf Outing. I expect that some golf revenue will still come in as there are sponsors for the golf outing that pay their yearly advertising expense as a bundle.

This month the spirit store has made a profit of \$9,584.48 with some big days at the football scrimmage against St. Ignatius and curriculum night. On the expense side all the bills have now been paid for the golf outing, which were the largest August expenses. Other significant costs were inventory related for the Spirit Store and the indoor Concession Stand. The Booster Club also paid the yearly subscription for the TeamBuilder app which is used by the Strength and Conditioning group. The Club also bought gear for the football, golf, and soccer teams this season.

The total assets as of August 31, 2022 is \$143,406.88, this represents a Profit of \$31,497.55 from August 2022. For comparison, at this point last year (August 2021), we had \$123,587.41 in assets. In September, I expect us to gain revenue for advertising as the Advertising team sent out a number of invoices to advertisers at the end of the month. Other sources of revenue will be membership and spirit store sales. I anticipate expenses for team requests, spirit store inventory, and other miscellaneous expenses.

There is one item to note for transparency purposes. Maria Farley accidentally used the Booster Credit card to make a purchase on Amazon. This transaction was identified and the item was returned the next day, so there is no charge to the Club.

President's report: only report is that everything has already been send or team requests. See below for team requests.

Requests:

Middle School- none

High School – Girls Soccer – Solon has signed a contract with Nike. Old soccer warm ups are Under Armor. They are requesting 25 new warm up tops and bottoms for \$3,000. Girls soccer has not put in a request since February 2017 which was for the old warm ups. Erica Kanj motions to approve request. Andrea Pitzel seconds the motion. All in favor, no nays.

Comet Classic (wrestling) – requesting the purchase of retractable barriers for the tournament. These can be used in the future at other events at the school. Total price is \$900. Andrea Pitzel motions to approve the request, Jill Frazier seconds the motion. All in favor, no nays.

Baseball – Damon Kopkas is asking for cameras for the Game Changer app for filming. States used primarily for recruiting purposes. Requesting 3 cameras - \$300 each, 3 clips - \$90 each, and 3 carrying cases - \$20 each. 2 baseball parents had said we can join boosters with a lifetime membership if you buy the cameras or we can buy the cameras. The lifetime membership was purchased by the 2 members giving net gain to the organization if we buy the equipment. Danielle Rose motions to approve, Jill Frazier seconds the motions. More than half approve. Several abstain, one nay – Andrea Pitzel.

Committee Reports

Advertising/program – sponsorships thus far has been well received. Looking to change the layout of the program in the future. Make it more like a mini yearbook for the season. Want to make it so that all athletes get a program.

Spotlight athlete –Dibella's Subs is willing to put up photos and give out gift cards to athletes.

Communications – no report

Concessions – one game so far. Volleyball is having trouble getting volunteers.

Comet Classic- no report

February fundraiser – February 11th at Signature of Solon. Having a meeting tonight at Burntwood after SAB meeting ends. Still will have casino games. Signature is waiving the fee to hold it there. We are saving money by holding it at Signature as opposed to the Solon Rec Center.

Membership – 22-23 lifetime members – 10, platinum – 4, diamond – 25, gold – 82, silver – 46, bronze – 48, alumni – 38.

Scholarships – No report

Spirit Store – No report

Respectfully submitted by Erica Kanj 9-14-2022