

## 1-9-2023 Solon Athletic Boosters Meeting

A regular meeting of the Solon Athletic Boosters started at 6:31 PM led by Rob Farley.

**Athletic director's report:** We have a new girls' lacrosse coach, Gary Rybka. He was the original coach when girls' lacrosse was started as a club back in 2014. We have been interviewing for a boys' soccer coach. Multiple applications put in for position and there is a good pool. Have gotten some applications in for girls' volleyball.

We will be having a basketball double header this Friday. First game is girls' JV, followed by girls' varsity and then boys' varsity. This will start to be the new norm with Title 9 since Friday is the most desirable day for a game. When asked if ever boys would play first and then girls second, it was said that would have to wait to be seen. Some schools have tried that and a large amount of spectators that left after the boys game and didn't stay for the girls which was not good for moral.

Stadium lights are in. Working on timing for getting them on and off. Guaranteed that they will be ready for spring sports.

Today an email was sent to all athlete's parents about the February fundraiser.

We are officially in the Suburban league for the 2023-24 school year. This is all sports except for football. The GCC would not let us out of the contract for football which has made scheduling games very hard for next year. There is only 4 home games next year on weeks 5,6, 7 and 10. 6 away games. We are in the National division of the Suburban League, which is the bigger schools. The smaller school in the Suburban League are in the American division.

**Secretary's report:** No report

**Treasurer's report:**

The top income generators for the month of December:

1. Spirit Store Sales - \$11,378.82
2. Comet Classic Concessions - \$10,700.00
3. Comet Classic Gate (Cash) - \$9,270.00
4. General Concessions - \$4,560.51
5. Comet Classic Gate / Shits (credit) - \$1,840.90
6. Membership Revenue - \$725

Top expenses for the month of December:

1. Spirit Store - 6,700
2. Concessions - \$3,198.68
3. Comet Classic Hospitality Room - \$2,348.14
4. Comet Classic Trophies - \$1,256.00
5. Track Patches Boys / Girls - \$929.14
6. Comet Classic Officials - \$807.20
7. Lacrosse - \$775.10

The end of December marks the halfway point of our fiscal year. Through the halfway point, December was our second most profitable month of the first six months. December is highlighted by Comet Classic, which to this point has netted just under \$10,000 dollars. There are still a couple of income sources that we are waiting to be settled from the event. After the Comet Classic, the next largest source of income was the Spirit Store.

With the Comet Classic does come expenses to operate the event, which are listed above. After the Comet Classic, the next largest expense for the month was inventory for the Spirit Store, followed by some outstanding bills that needed to be paid for the Boys and Girls track team patches from the Spring 2022 season.

The total assets as of December 31, 2022 is \$154,369.11; this represents an increase in assets of \$20,562.83 from November 2022. For comparison, at this point last year (December 2021), we had \$141,923.59 in assets. December 2022 resembled December 2021 as a month where we increased our assets by more than \$20,000.

**President's report:** Went to a February fundraiser meeting. Had a local business reach out asking when the last day is to donate for baskets? Wants to possibly donate. The cut off is the 25th

**Requests:**

*Middle School-* none

*High School –* **none**

**Committee Reports**

*Advertising/program –* Printing programs today

*Communications –* no report

*Concessions –* Slowly getting volunteers. Still some days in February where no one has signed up. Still need some help with openers and closers. Any students need to volunteer with a parent.

*February fundraiser –* February 1<sup>st</sup> will open bidding for baskets online. Each team creates a basket or gives money to the committee to make a basket. Waiting on 5 teams to donate for basket. Email notice went out today. So far 26 tickets sold which is on par with last year. We have a lot of community support. The basketball team has donated tickets to Cavs vs. Knicks. Football team is donating a pizza oven. This year since the theme is carnival the wine bottles will be won with a ring toss game. A few items will only be available to for bidding on event night. Last year many items purchased online were by people not attending the event.

*Parent Rep:* value in circling back and asking again for membership. Try to capture funds while in season

*Membership:* 360 members currently. Raised \$39,340 for the year. Have 7 unpaid members where they submitted a form but didn't actually pay. Have been following up on those but are not responding.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted by Erica Kanj 1-9-2023