

12-11-2023 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: It is very sad about Jeff Luca passing. He helped at many events and camps at Solon schools. There was a wake at the rec center today and it is still going on.

Thanks to the boosters for the hotels they provide. I didn't make it to the girls' basketball tournament in Columbus due to horrible traffic on the roads. Hoban didn't make it on time to the tournament. So great that the team can stay close and not have this issue."

All teams will have started their season as of Friday when girls' gymnastics has their first home meet. Boys' swim team won the Solon relays this past Saturday for the first time since 2012 so congrats to them. We have found a boys' lacrosse coach. We are on the background check and hope to announce the name soon. We start interviewing for a baseball coach this week. Will get into that more after break. Lots of away games right now and then a bunch at home. That is how it went with the Suburban league. We did not pick that. The state moved the start of wrestling back a week so we had to move our tournament, the Comet Classic back a week. Exams being this Friday actually make it better for set up though since students are out of the building earlier in the day.

Discussion was started by Candice Walker regarding why cheerleaders cannot attend away games. Jim McQuaide explained that it was a Title 9 thing. That boys and girls have to have cheerleaders for an equal amount of games and the cheerleading coaches are only contracted for 22 games so they end up all having to be at home. It was noted that pep band also has to be equal.

Treasurer's report:

Total Assets as of November 1, 2023: \$126,204.49

Total Assets as of November 30, 2023: \$119,426.59

Monthly Net Gain/(Loss): -\$6,777.90

Summary:

Total revenue for the month of November was \$3,797.92. The top income generators for the month of September:

1. Concessions Sales - \$1,417.50
2. Mattress Fundraiser - \$1000.00
3. Spirit Store Sales - \$589.08
4. Interest Income - \$416.34
5. Membership Revenue - \$275.00

Total Expenses for the month of November was \$16,098.81. Top expenses for the month of September:

1. Spirit Store - \$9,954.99
2. Patches for Girls Track, Boys Track, and Boys Lacrosse - \$1,366.12
3. Sports Programs - \$1,260.00
4. Girls Basketball - \$819.40
5. February Fundraiser - \$804.11
6. Boys Soccer - \$500.55
7. Concessions - \$469.86
8. Football Senior Gifts - \$320.00
9. Comet Classic - \$245.72
10. Hockey - \$210.00
11. Volleyball - \$140.00

November is the fourth month of our fiscal year, and it was a month where we decreased our assets by \$6,777.90. The primary source of revenue for the month was concessions sales, which is not a surprise as we operate the indoor concession stand for winter sports. We also received \$1,000 for hosting the

mattress fundraiser which requires no level of effort on our part. Spirit Store Sales continues to account for revenue and we continue to get good returns from our interest bearing accounts.

From an expense standpoint, we paid bills that align with increasing the inventory in the Spirit Store, which was the biggest expense for the month. The second largest expense for the month was actually a bill from the spring in which we paid for the patches that go on the letterman jackets for the conference championship teams. Another significant expense was to pay for the winter sports programs. We paid for the hotel rooms for the girls' basketball team to play in an out of town tournament that is not sponsored by the OHSAA. We also began to pay for some of the expenses that will be attributable to the February Fundraiser and the Comet Classic.

The total assets as of November 30, 2023 is \$119,426.59; this represents a decrease in assets of \$6,777.90 from October 2023. For comparison, at this point last year (November 2022), we had \$133,806.28 in assets. To this point in the year we have had \$35,293.93 less revenue than in the prior year and spent \$3,365.17 more than the prior year.

President's Report: Discussion was had on whether or not to sell the sports programs or just give to members. It was decided to have them for sale at the concession stand and if a member requested one as per indicated as a membership perk, that they would just be given one when they ask.

Starting to pay for some of the February fundraiser event stuff.

We need volunteers for the concession stand at the Comet Classic this coming weekend.

It was discussed whether we should update any of the requirements/info in regards to scholarships. Most said they should be but no agreement on to what changes should be made.

Requests:

Middle School- none

High School – Girls' Basketball – Requesting \$1,199 plus tax for 11 hotel rooms in Columbus for a tournament on December 29th. Erica Kanj motions to pass request. Carol Olszewski seconds the motion. All in favor. Motions passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Erica Kanj 12-12-2023