

We kicked off the meeting with welcomes and introductions, where SSBTR showed great representation from a variety of schools. As we head into the final months before the Cure-a-thon, it's really time to begin increasing awareness for the event and engaging the community to enhance participation.

Treasurer's Report - In our regular account - \$57,531.97, We have \$168,000 in our investment account S

Successful mass mailing event(\$37,125),

Reports from our student leaders. BASIS Mesa, BASIS Scottsdale, and PCDS are mainly focused on setting up fundraisers and engaging their schools for mass participation in the Cure-a-thon. Most leaders are also either working on external partnerships or gathering items (or donations) for the baskets at the Cure-a-thon.

On that note, we quickly mentioned our new sponsors - Colten Cowell Foundation, Brooks & Ruth Hilliard, Jeff & Holly Packer, Samara Rudolph, Gil & Susan Rudolph, Kaye, Rose & Partners, and General Mills -

Reviewing participating schools for the t-shirt. All members present at the meeting had representation, so there was no problem with proper representation of schools.

Having finalized the fliers & posters, we briefly mentioned getting them out in the community to increase awareness for the Cure-a-thon, for which registration is now open! Pre-registration is available now while registration at the day of the event is, as usual, a little more expensive. Thus, we encourage everyone to get tickets now!

Asking everyone for contacts with bands to perform for the Cure-a-thon

Memory boards are available for families who would like to honor a loved one at the Cure-a-thon to honor a loved one- email wendy@ssbtr.org now

3 days before the Cure-a-thon, all who are registered for the Cure-a-thon and have been involved with SSBTR will have an opportunity to witness a live brain surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute.

The next meeting will be February 3rd for the Proton Beam Tour at Mayo Clinic. Address/Info (Mayo Clinic-5777 E Mayo Blvd, BUILDING 3 Phoenix- PX3; Go to the 3rd floor, where you will find room 102 (the large classroom to the right hand side of the main elevators).

After these items, we proceeded to welcome our speakers: Dr Adrienne Scheck, Hillary Burns & Vittoria Ferrara, who discussed the amazing novelty and promise of the ketogenic diet, a metabolic therapy in battling brain tumors in conjunction with chemotherapy & radiation. It is gaining academic recognition, and the future is bright for metabolic-based treatments for brain tumors. The survivors that spoke had great insight on their experiences and gave everyone a first-hand listen of the battle against such a tough diagnosis.

Respectfully Submitted,

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