

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
SAMS PTSO meeting

Kris Brown, Vickie Brown, John Bohle, Jake Stiefel, Dianne Longwell, Steve Varias, Laura Gelnett, Christie Kracker, Chris Morrison

The meeting began at 7:00.

The first order of business was to discuss the budget. It was indicated that the budget is \$8,000 but that the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade field trip was \$2500 over budget. The question was raised, "where are we getting the money?" It was suggested that if we don't have enough that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders would be asked to pay for part of the trip. This year parents were given the opportunity to provide a donation that would replace fundraisers. This has not proved very successful to date.

A question of clarification was proffered, "what do we use the money for?" The answer was provided that the money had been used for the yearbook, academic awards and field trips. Each year the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a skating party. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders take a field trip to Knoebles.

Last year the three-grade level field trips and the academic awards totaled \$8425.

Some brainstorming followed to think of ways to meet our needs without fundraisers.

- If every student gave \$20, we would make our fundraising budget. Would a Facebook post indicating this be helpful?
- PTSO sponsored an event to ask for donations...
  - End of school year talent show...
  - Pancake breakfast?
  - Table at Selinsgrove market street festival?
  - Letter to parents that indicates that either they give x amount or their children will be asked to do fundraisers.sell stuff
- It seems as though the "hassle-free" method isn't working. Should we go back to fundraising?

It was suggested that some of the Student of the Month photos that Chris Morrison puts on Instagram should be put on our PTSO Facebook page. This may help offset solicitation posts.

It was also suggested that we use the Remind App for the Selinsgrove Middle School PTSO. Vickie Brown will set this up and send out invitations.

Dr. Jake Stiefel asked for us to budget 900 for the skating trip and holiday "gifts."

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Kris Brown  
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