

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

As we kicked the meeting off with welcome & Introductions, we were super excited to see a lot more people in attendance than expected! We immediately moved into a brief talk from Dr Jason Hauptman, the Division Chief of Neurosurgery at Phoenix Children's Hospital & Barrow. He was able to provide lots of insight into his medical career, discussing a wide range of topics from difficult brain tumors to the emotional parts of his role as a surgeon.

After the Treasurer's Report was presented, we heard reports from Co-Chairs & Ambassadors regarding what has been happening at their respective schools. It's important here to emphasize that our members' positions have little to do with the impact they can have with SSBTR! Even ensuring that they bring just one person to the Cure-a-thon means we've doubled the people in attendance already. We quickly went over new sponsors, including the Oehme Foundation, Drs Brad Oswood & Julie Ernst, the Kempner Family, Drs. Griego, Weiss Family, and John Pokorney. We'd also like to thank our ongoing sponsorships: Wings of Freedom and the Higgins Family

This is a special year, and so, we have a special slogan! **25 years. \$5 Million. One Cure**

We'd also like to emphasize the upcoming volunteer opportunities and events with Mount Mayhem. Volunteers are still needed for set up and acting. Please reach out to us if anyone is interested, and we can get you in contact with the organizer! Mount Mayhem is a FREE event, but donations are always appreciated and benefit SSBTR.

Dates: Oct. 17,18,19,29,30,31 from 7-9:30 pm. More information can be found at <https://mountmayhemhaunt.com/>!

Our recent event (Parents' Night Out) with iCode was the first of many as we began this partnership! SSBTR was able to raise around

\$150, and we are planning on setting up another event with iCode in the coming months!

Similar to these, remember to spread the word about SSBTR and the Cure-a-thon. It's possible to link Fry's shopping cards to SSBTR at no cost.

Our next meeting is the Mass Mailing event (location: TBD due to surge in attendance!), but it's important that we have volunteers there! We have more than 1,000 letters to send, so the more people there are, the faster we'll get it done!

After taking care of these announcements, we got to go on a tour of Phoenix Children's Hospital! First, we visited the new SSBTR plaque, which is in recognition of SSBTR's support of PCH. Children who finish chemo will walk past as it is placed near the bell children ring once they finish chemo! It's an important testament to the work SSBTR has done over the last 25 years.

Next, we split up into 3 groups and had the opportunity to see various parts of the hospital, from the NICU to advanced magnetic treatments for brain cancer. The tour was very educational, and we were able to gain insight on how the different parts work in conjunction with one another to provide the best possible treatment for patients! We all appreciate the time Drs. Mangum, Friedman & Wilfong took to share their expertise with us.

Respectfully Submitted,
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