

Newton South PTSO Meeting

March 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Agenda

- Welcome
- Financials
- Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation
- Coffees Update
- SouthFest
- Other Business

Attendees: Maggie Schmidt, Will Adams, Ramon Downes, Jenn Martin, Michelle Wetlaufer, Saumya Khanduja

Minutes

Finances

- Dues update - \$43,973 received; invoices sent to people who indicated they would pay dues but have not.
- Graduation signs will be ordered by mid-April; makes money for PTSO/Senior events.
- Boosters - received \$2500 from Wegmans. Boosters will give PTSO \$1000.
- Grants - teachers are appreciative of the grants but this might be an area to revisit in the future if we are not meeting fundraising goals.

Teacher Appreciation. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 this year. Ideas from prior years: cookies, coffee, notepads.

Coffees. The PTSO hosted an 11th grade and a 9th/10th grade coffee/information session. Internally clarify for next year the difference between these coffees and the evening information sessions and their intended audience.

SouthFest. Notes from last year: bouncy houses were a hit, too much food, photo booth was not well used. The party has gotten very expensive. 450 kids last year, which was almost all of the seniors and their guests. Possible funding source going forward is opioid funding through Health and Human Services, or even the dispensaries for “substance free” events.

Other Business.

- Student art contest, asking for PTSO funding towards prizes. They are charging \$3/entry with a plan to donate to a local school for art supplies.
- Succession Planning. We need a new PTSO co-president for 2024-2025 as Will Adams rolls off.
- Minutes. Approval of minutes for February meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.