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# Glen Haven Parent Teacher Association

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Silver Spring, MD 20902



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## Membership Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

### 1. Arrival and Free Breakfast (9–9:25am)

- Families enjoyed pastries and coffee.

### 2. Approval Of Minutes (9:25-9:26am)

- Suzanne Feinspan moved to approve the minutes from February's meeting. Rebecca Willis seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously to approve.

### 3. President's Remarks/Announcements (9:26-9:30am)

- It Takes a Village:
  - The PTA thanks Christina Tallent for organizing last week's Wendy' Dine Out Night and Sarah Williams for organizing the current food drive.
- Three mini-grants were recently distributed
  - Ms. Hudock to support the whole 2nd grade to attend Weather Day at National's Park
  - Ms. Rykoskey to purchase alternative seating for the many "wobble worms" in her class
  - Mr. Pegg and Mr. McTighe for large cones and a bone puzzle for the PE classes
- Afterschool Activities:
  - Monday: Dance, Basketball
  - Tuesday: None
  - Wednesday: Fashion Design, Chess
  - Thursday: Pokemon
  - Friday: Cooking, Soccer
- The PTA is currently supporting a food drive to support the Glen Haven Food Pantry. It will run through March 17th.
- Movie Night: The PTA will be sponsoring a movie night. We will be showing Trolls on March 24th at 6:30pm. It will be free to the community and refreshments will be sold.

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- Read-a-Thon: PTA is sponsoring a Read-a-Thon from April 18-28th. Info will be going home shortly.

#### 4. Budget Update (9:30-9:33am)

- Preliminary results from Wendy's Dine Out was that we brought in ~\$200.
- We are about halfway through the spending on our community event expenses for the year.
- Please keep Box Tops coming in, as we'll get a second check at the end of the year.
- The 2nd Book Fair will be the end of April and will include Academic Night.

#### 5. Nominating (9:33-9:34am)

- We are looking for new folks for the PTA board.
- The nominating committee will be connecting with individuals over the next few months.
- The slate will be presented in April and the vote will be held in May.

#### 6. Encouraging Literacy at Home (9:34-9:55am)

- a. Ms. Jen Lucina presented information on how to encourage our children's literacy at home.
- b. [Here is a link to the PowerPoint she shared](#)
- c. [Here is a link to a handout explaining the county reading benchmarks](#)
- d. Here is a link to a handout with questions to ask your child about their reading in [English](#) and [en Español](#)
- e. Some additional information:
  - i. The Glen Haven reading benchmarks for each grade are slightly higher than MCPS benchmarks.
  - ii. It is important to make sure that kids are both able to decode and comprehend as their level increases
  - iii. What should parents who are not fluent in English do to support their literacy?
    1. Reading in your first language is very important and helps comprehension.
    2. You can use tools online to find out the pronunciation of words you don't know.

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3. You can also ask the teacher for support in supporting your child's comprehension.
  - iv. How do you get your kid to slow down when they read?
    1. Encourage kids to read in a way that sounds like talking; this is what is done at school.
  
7. **Meeting Close** (9:57am)
  
8. **Next Meeting** – In place of the next meeting, we'll be having an event to celebrate the cultural diversity of Glen Haven called "Many Cultures, One School Community." If you're interested in cooking for the event or your child is interested in making a poster representing your culture for the event, please fill out and return the bottom of the flyer that will come home soon in Wednesday folders.