

# Spring Glen **PTA**

*General Membership Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 14, 2023*

*5:30-7:00 pm-Spring Glen Media Center*

zoom link: <https://hga.zoom.us/j/98107755572?pwd=S0JZUIE4R2VqQ0N1Ums0Q05lc0ErZz09>

## Opening - 5:10 pm

### Board/Committee Members In-Person:

- ☒ Rachel Gasana, President
- ☐ Elisabeth LeSieur, Vice President
- ☒ Charles Barnett, Co-Treasurer
- ☐ Katie Connors, Co-Treasurer
- ☒ Karl Hennig, Secretary
- ☒ Josh Groffman, VP Enrichment
- ☒ Misha Serfillippi, VP Membership
- ☒ Howard Hornreich, SG Principal
- ☒ Susan Dorfman, Outdoor Committee
- ☒ Jeff Dorfman, Communications Committee
- ☐ Tim Trama, 6th Grade Chair
- ☐ Jen Sciglibaglio, Play Committee
- ☒ Allison Dickin, Membership Committee Chair
- ☐ Nette Compton, After-School Committee Chair
- ☒ Heather Strycharz
- ☒ Sarah Dunn
- ☒ Vince Serfillippi

### Virtual

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## Agenda

1. Principal's Report
  - a. Veterans day assembly was a success
  - b. Fall festival - raised over 4k
  - c. Second grade staff opening, currently interviewing new hires
  - d. Food scraps program - speaking with Board of Education for funding
    - i. Kids would sort food/scraps and would get picked up once a week
    - ii. Pam Roach (contact)
    - iii. Piloted last year with K-3 classes
  - e. Building / Thinking classrooms
    - i. Small groups for math oriented learning
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. In good standing financially
3. Membership Count Update
  - a. Currently round 100 members

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- b. How do we compare count/funding with other schools?
- c. If “PTA” in the title of a field trip they may get a discount
- d. Membership idea; everyone is a member by default, you need to opt out to stop getting emails, meeting minutes, etc.
- 4. Website update
  - a. Heather S helped create new mockup, referenced other PTA sites
    - i. can help with marketing, social media, website, posts etc.
  - b. Next steps to create and collect content
  - c. Simple and user friendly layout is critical
  - d. Tabs (columns)
    - i. Events - add tab to submit your ideas
    - ii. Enrichment tab
    - iii. Heather will create dropbox to submit pictures
      - 1. please organize within a folder
      - 2. Pictures will need to be reviewed internally
      - 3. Need to write up ‘how to’ instructions
      - 4. How does admin have access?
      - 5. Unveiling date?
      - 6. What does it cost to maintain the site?
        - a. Cost in addition to what Heather already has access to
      - 7. What other work can be done to help that is not web design?
      - 8. What are our main asks/items?
        - a. Volunteers
        - b. Events
        - c. Opportunities
      - 9. What site/software to use to reach out to membership?
- 5. Garden Grant
  - a. Knowns and unknowns the Town of Hamden currently has from CT DEEP
  - b. What we need to know in order to make a decision
  - c. Susan D had a good conversation with the city
    - i. Dug into history of the grant
  - d. Grant is awarded to Hamden (town owns the property)
    - i. Submitted to schools - 5 schools showed interest
    - ii. Awarded at the beginning of the pandemic
    - iii. Next step meeting with the town to understand details/deadlines
      - 1. Schools need to submit a plan to get funding
      - 2. We have a draft what was submitted
      - 3. Grant is open again for new submissions
  - e. Need to understand PTA responsibilities to the town, and the town’s responsibility to the State for the grant
  - f. Grant money as to be matched
  - g. Next steps - see the contract, know responsibilities
  - h. Engage Howard and discuss getting teachers involved
- 6. PTA calendar - **Next month**
- 7. Josh to preview plans/ideas for Enrichment Fund plans/idea - **next month**

Close- 6:50 pm

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## General Committee Meeting Schedule

Date	Time/Location
<del>Monday, September 12</del>	<del>5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom</del>
<del>Monday, October 17</del>	<del>5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom</del>
Monday, November 14	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Tuesday, December 12	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, January 9	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, February 13	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, March 12	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, April 9	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, May 14	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom
Monday, June 5	5:30pm, SPG Media Center, Zoom

### The 2023-2024 PTA Officers

Rachel Gasana - President ([president@springglenpta.org](mailto:president@springglenpta.org))

Elisabeth LeSieur -Vice President ([vicepresident@springglenpta.org](mailto:vicepresident@springglenpta.org))

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