**Minutes**

**Shady Grove Elementary PTA**

**General Membership Meeting**

**April 16, 2016**

The April Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with Digging, Donuts, and Dads.

**-** The event had forty-five attendees and volunteers (SGES families, middle school student volunteers, Wyndham Gardening Club etc.)

 Major achievements were the following:

1)       Parents and kids built 6 new planters using their engineering skills and prepared the ground with a lot of hard work for the upcoming Three Sisters Planting Activity. Thanks to their efforts, kids will be able to plant, cultivate and harvest the vegetables and donate them to the VA Food Bank!

2)      The volunteers completed Monarch Waystation / adding signage of certification of SGES as an official Monarch Waystation. Shady Grove Elementary School is now a Monarch Waystation for Monarchs making their way from Mexico to the North laying the next generation of butterflies. This designation is a symbol of our community of volunteerism and the value placed on supporting wildlife and learning science! Many thanks go to our parents, kids, returning Shady Grove graduates, and the Master Gardeners from the Wyndham Garden Club who helped during Digging, Donuts and Dads (DDD). The butterflies will now have milkweed for their nursery and nectar plants to munch on.

The event was supported by STEM Grade Coordinators, PTA volunteers, SGES staff. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community and we hope the collaboration between Wyndham Gardening Club and PTA STEM & Outdoor will continue in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Estey, Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

**PTA Board Meeting is**

**Thursday May 12, 2016**

**6:30pm**

**PTA Program**

**Spring Picnic**

**Friday May 20, 2016**

**4-7pm**