

**Notes of the Mantua PTA
February 1, 2006
Mantua Elementary School**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

Executive Board: *Mary Jo Kavjian, Donna Yudkin, Cherie Curry, Carole Thomas and Cheryl May.*

School Representatives: *Jan-Marie Fernandez, Cheryl Thompson, Tina Tingler and Janet Sottolano.*

Board Members: *Allen Clark, Laura Mead, Patti Taheri, Loren Brandman, Pam Promisel, Patti Pratuch, Randi Kirkland, Regina Lanctot*

General Membership: *Lisa Murphy, Marybeth Abell, Maggie Weddell, Rene Pana-Cryan*

Allen Clark made a **motion** that the minutes of the January 4, 2006 meeting be approved. Donna Yudkin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl May distributed the PTA Income Statement for the second half of the 2005-06 school year. She made a wish list clarification stating that there is approximately \$7,000 in addition to the \$6,000 committed to the distance learning lab.

Cheryl May made a **motion** on purchasing additional items on the "Wish List" as was previously noted. Loren Brandman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl May made a **motion** to reallocate \$1,500 from the cultural arts budget to the field trip budget. Allen Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MaryJo Kavjian made the PTA **President's Report:**

- Mantua has 2 state participants in the Reflections Program.

Mrs. Fernandez made the **Principal's Report:**

- There are several upcoming events. We have been hosting lots of visitors. The Italian Embassy was one of them. The strings concert is Feb. 8. The band concert is Feb. 9. The Kids Care Club Talent Show is rescheduled to Feb. 25 due to snow.
- There is no school on Feb. 20th.
- The 6th grade begins Frost orientations the end of February.
- Thanks to Randi Kirkland and Loren Brandman for the donation of the stuffed lion.

Ms. Tingler made the following **Announcements:**

- The Total Communication has started and desserts are truly appreciated.

- Work continues on acquiring new video phones will be brought to Mantua to replace TTY phones for the hearing impaired. We need letters of parent support.
- She has been recommended to the National Advisory Committee by Mrs. Fernandez, Tina will be representing public schools all over the Country.

Ms. Thompson made the following **Announcements**:

- Jan 2, 2006 the Iowa testing starts for some 6th grade students to determine algebra eligibility.
- Heritage Night has been changed to March 30th.
- We need a PTA liaison to work with the teachers for cultural arts activities.

Ms. Sottolano made the following **Announcement**:

- Mantua will participate in the 3rd Annual Read Across America on March 2nd in the Library in the evening. They will be collecting new or used books as donations.

The following **Committee Reports** were filed:

Community Spirit – Mary Jo Kavjian said that she will be sending home a flyer for T-shirt orders in the next few weeks.

Kids Care Club – Patti Taheri said that the talent show has over 55 acts performing. The Talent Show will be held Feb. 25.

Old Business

John Jennison suggested to the board that the PTA recognize the school for the deaf by commissioning a sculpture, perhaps with fingers illustrating the name Mantua spelled out in sign language. Ms. Tingler will be looking for deaf artists and trying to determine how much this might cost.

New Business

Allen Clark suggested that a new PTA position be created as a Fundraising Chairperson.

Motions Carried

A motion carried to approve the minutes of January 2, 2006.

A motion carried to allocate \$7,000 for “Principal’s Wish List” purchases.

A motion carried to reallocate \$1,500 from the cultural arts budget to the field trip budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman
Co-Secretaries