

**Notes of the Mantua PTA
January 3, 2007
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, Terry Murphy, Maggie Weddell, and Cherie Curry*

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

Board Members: *Loan Pham*

General Membership: *Jacqueline DeScisciolo, Melinda Burroughs*

Minutes were distributed for the December 2006. Terry made a motion to adopt the minutes from the December 2006 PTA meeting. Melinda Burroughs seconded. The motion carried.

Terry Murphy delivered the Treasurer's Report. He said the PTA had a \$49,900 cash balance as of Dec. 31. He reminded members to use the cash/check collection and disbursement forms from the website. He also notified the PTA that the tax-exempt form on the website is expired, we have received our tax-exempt form through October 2007 and it should be posted to the website.

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

- The Board needs to suggest a Nominating Committee to find volunteers for the following positions: President, Secretary and Membership. The Committee should be an odd number of people.

Mrs. Jan-Marie Fernandez made the **Principal's Report:**

- March 15, 2007 is Literacy Night
- The winter sing-along was once again well received. Cheryl Thompson does a lot of work for the success of the sing-along.
- The Staff is focusing on staff development, content literacy development (visual literacy across all content areas). The Staff is also training for higher incidences of autism in the school.

Ms. Thompon made the **Vice Principal's Report:**

- BART Testing is Jan 8 – Feb. 2, this is a test for teachers to gauge instruction for the remainder of the year for grades 3-6.
- IOWA testing is Feb. 1 – this test is given to 6th grade GT students.
- January 12, 2007 is club picture day.
- Teacher workdays are January 25 & January 26.
- February 8th is the Band Concert
- February 15th is the Strings Concert.
- February 10th is the Talent Show

- Jan. 31st is the Chorus Concert

Mrs. Tina Tingler made the **Vice Principal's Report:**

- The TC after school program starts Feb. 21 and runs through May 2, 2007. She will be asking for desserts in the near future.

The following committee announcements were made:

Carnival

- Cherie Curry said that Mantua's Spring Carnival is set for Saturday, March 24.
- Many of the committee chairs who helped make last year's Carnival a success will be returning, but we have a need for volunteers to run Set-Up/Clean-Up.
- We will have a planning meeting on January 19th at Elizabeth Wasserman's home.

Auction

- MaryJo Kavjian said that donations are coming in from businesses, families and staff members. The Auction goes live online Jan. 10, when all categories open for bid. Some of the categories will close after two weeks. All categories close on Jan. 31. There are a total of 19 faculty donations.

Community Spirit

- Mary Jo Kavjian is working on t-shirts for this year.

New Business

- Loan Pham asked about Heritage Night, it was explained that Literacy Night is combined with Heritage Night. Regina Lanto is organizing within the school, Mary Jo Kavjian will confirm who the parent contact is.

Motions Carried

Adoption of Minutes for December 2006 PTA meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman
Co-Secretaries