

**Notes of the Mantua PTA
September 13, 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, Terry Murphy, Cherie Curry and Maggie Weddell*

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

Board Members: *Martha Parsons, Donna McGrath, DeeAnn Jeremiah, Lynn Richmond, Carole Thomas, Loan Pham*

General Membership: *Nancy Robinson, Agnes Garcia-Ewing, Lauren Terry, Ana Walker (Schmitt), Jacqueline DeScisciolo, Nicole Armstrong, Jennifer McKenzie, Nancy Lee, Melissa Nelson, Mary Kheder*

Minutes were distributed for June 2006. Donna McGrath made a motion to adopt the minutes from the June 2006 PTA meeting. Terry Murphy seconded. The motion carried.

Terry Murphy presented the 06/07 PTA budget and income statement from June 30, 2006. It was pointed out that there would not be a PTA auction this year because no chairs had been identified. The audit committee reviewed the financial statements for last year, no material issues were found.

Carole Thomas made a motion to adopt the 2006/2007 School Year PTA budget, Donna McGrath seconded. The motion carried.

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

- Life with Cancer is presenting at our next PTA meeting.
- The Back to School breakfast was a great success.

Jan-Marie Fernandez made the **Following Report:**

- There are 860 students enrolled this year
- The Visual Literacy program was started this year – 50 digital cameras were distributed to staff on the first day of school. Teachers will be trained on using the cameras over the next week.
- September 20th is picture day.
- Wellness Challenge returns for staff; administrators are pairing with P/E instructors

- Mantua will launch their own version of the Keep In Touch Program in conjunction with the Fairfax County program.
- Andrea Mains completed plantings and bench installation for the school.

Cheryl Thompson made the **Following Report:**

- The modular project is 98% complete, there are still punch list items. Remind kids to stay on the sidewalks, the school is trying to grow grass.
- There are retention ponds behind the big and small playgrounds and behind the modulars, they are filled with plants.
- The school needs a cafeteria hostess, 2 ½ hours/day from 10:30-2:00.
- The school needs a yearbook coordinator, the yearbook is a PTA sponsored event coordinated by the PTA with a teacher and students.
- 6th grade has a 45 minute technology class, this is a new program.

Tina Tingler made the **Following Report:**

- The school is installing 3 relay televisions for video phones

Janet Sottolano made the **Following Report:**

- September 18th is Constitution Day, the school will be celebrating.

The following committee announcements were made:

Spirit Committee

- The Ice cream social is Friday 9/15/06 at 6 p.m.
- T-shirt order forms should be distributed in mid-October

Membership

- The PTA website database is having problems. The technology committee is working on it.

Kids Care Club

- The first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4, 2006. They will be working on raking leaves and a clothes drive.
- The talent show still needs a stage director. It is currently scheduled for Feb. 10, 2007.
- 7th grade students need community service hours, remember to call on them for school events.

Sally Foster

- PTA receives 50% of everything the school sells, the first deadline is September 27th. We received 2 cd players and a dvd player which were given to the school.

Newsletter

- It was decided that the PTA newsletter would be published quarterly and that the Alert News would be the primary vehicle for news.

Hospitality

- Please sign up to bring refreshments for future meetings.

Old Business

Membership Directory Advertising – the back page will be closed bid, Tina Tingler volunteered to monitor the bid process. Data management will be done entirely on the website this year. There will be one notice, then posting on the website and reminder in the Alert News. The fees for advertising are: \$200/ ½ page ad, \$400 for a full page ad and the back page goes to the highest bidder.

New Business

The date needs to be set for the Mantua Carnival.

Remember to use tax exempt and cash receipt forms – they are available on the website. Jennifer McKenzie asked permission to have the students participate/support Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Walk. Carole Thomas made a motion to support and have the students participate in the walk, Martha Parsons' seconded. The motion carried.

Motions Carried

Adoption of Minutes for June 2006 PTA meeting.

Motion to approve the 2006/2007 PTA budget.

Motion to Support and Participate in the Help the Homeless Walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman
Co-Secretaries