

MINUTES – FINAL, Approved 1/6/17

General PTA Membership Meeting

November 16, 2016, 9:30am

Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 9:45am

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Nicole Willis, Kristina Clarke, Dawn Keene, Sam Leiber, Megan Burski Wells, Jackie Cranford, Helen Keil-Losch, Kathleen DeCarlo, Edith MacArthur, Eva Orłowski, Kathy Phillips

Administration and School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

II. Adoption of October 2016 Minutes – No objections; minutes approved as written

III. Reports

-President's Report

Sam Leiber

- Welcome!
- Election Day went smoothly, no problems at the school. In our school election – Snoopy defeated Winnie the Pooh; students all voted
- Shout out to Kathy Phillips for coordinating the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – great training and a tremendous program
- Virginia PTA legislative program is now active, the three proposals on this year's agenda (attached) were approved; see the full agenda is on vapta.org website to learn what the PTA is working on at the state level.
- The Meals Tax proposal was defeated. New suggestions for full funding of school systems is needed; call your representative
- PTA Advocacy Day in Richmond, general assembly proceedings 1/29-30/17 open to 5th and 6th graders

-Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Fundraisers

- \$40.60 was spent to award the winning Box Tops Classroom their pizza party (Mrs. Hartwell's class) – there isn't an expense account for Box Tops, so I've put the expense in the Income to then just reduce the income we'll receive.
- We've received \$1,401.00 in Directory Sponsorship Ads
- Another \$129.50 in donations have come in from checks and MemberPlanet
- Dickey's BBQ donated \$225.00 from our Restaurant Night
- We've received almost \$34,000.00 in donations for the Fall Fundraiser "Run for Rocky". After our expenses, our current net profit is \$26,516.05. This is under what we budgeted by about \$5000

Membership Dues

- We have received another \$335 for membership dues since last month.

Programs & Events

- Additional Basketball registrations were sent in late for a total now of \$13,942.50 and checks were written out for \$710 for permit and custodial fees.
- There's currently a \$225.00 negative amount in the Book Fair Income due to cash being taken out for the cash boxes. I've learned that this cash was no longer needed and will be reallocated for the Drama Production Concessions cash boxes instead.
- \$60 more was received this past month for Chat 'n' Chew registrations
- Almost \$794 was refunded to the Boys Raccoon Runners parents due to the cancellation of their club.
- We paid for the Drama Club Fall 2016 Peter Pan production from DramaWorks in the amount of \$3200 as well as some expenses for t-shirts and the pizza for this coming weekend's performance.
- The Raccoon Runners are registered for the Frost 5K race (\$230) and we've reimbursed parents for snacks purchased. \$276 was spent on their T-shirts.
- Enrichment \$489.60 deposit from bill.com

Hospitality & Appreciation

- We spent \$325.00 to write thank-you checks to show our appreciation to the custodians during Custodian Appreciation Week.
- I've already written the checks to hand out next month to the cafeteria staff to also show our appreciation (12/5-12/9) in the amount of \$250.00

Website Expense

- We've paid the annual SignUp Genius fee of \$119.88 to use for volunteer efforts school-wide and in the classrooms

-Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez

Events That Took Place:

- Schoolyard habit training sponsored by MWEE– many teachers took part, led by Michelle Sullivan
- Custodian Appreciation week
- Spirit Week
- Bus safety drills for Kindergarten, 3rd Grade and patrols
- NSO Field Trip
- Pokemon Night
- Run for Rocky
- Fall Spirit Parade
- Hidden Pond field trips (3rd Grade)
- Jamestown field trip (4th Grade)
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- End of First Quarter
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Training
- Camp Highroad Trip (5th Grade)
- Progress Reports sent home

Upcoming Events:

- Book Fair is ongoing this week
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Luncheon, Grades K-3

- November 17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon, Grade 4-6
- November 18 - Peter Pan Jr. by Mantua Drama Club, 7:00 p.m.
- November 19 - Peter Pan Jr. by Mantua Drama Club, 2:00 p.m.
- November 21 - Peter Pan Jr. school performances, 9:30 and 10:40 a.m.
- November 21 - Human Growth and Development Preview Night for 5th and 6th grade parents, 6:00 p.m.
- November 23 - 2 Hour Early Release
- November 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break
- November 29 - AAP Parent Information Meeting, 3-4:00 p.m. in Room 30
- December 7 - Picture Make Up Day
- December 7 - Winter Band Concert
- December 7 - Restaurant Night at Flippin' Pizza, 4-8:00 p.m.
- December 8-14 - 6th Grade classes to Woodson Planetarium
- December 9-16 - 5th and 6th Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons
- December 12 - Winter Chorus Concert
- December 13 - Woodson Math Students program for 2nd Graders, 4-5:30 p.m.
- December 15 - Woodson Math Students program for 3rd Graders, 4-5:30 p.m.
- December 16 - Winter Sing Along and Full Day of School
- December 19 - January 2 - Winter Break, School Closed
- January 6 - PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- January 24 - Strings concert moved to new date! 5th and 6th graders only

-Assistant Principal

Amy Alley

Testing news:

- CogAT to all 2nd graders and a few 3rd-6th students
- Naglieri (nonverbal) given to a few students this week
- County-wide 1st-2nd graders do MRA (Math Reasoning Assessment)
- 3rd-6th grade eCarts for reading and math over the next month
- IOWA - Algebra preparedness assessment to be taken by 6th grade AAP and advanced math students return from winter break; opt out only; score 91% or higher and Pass Advance on SOL then the student has the option to take algebra in 7th grade
- WIDA assessment for ESOL students – federally required test; two month window to give assessment; Levels 1-5 ESOL, letters will go home to notify of testing

-Assistant Principal

Nick Rousos

- We're working with Fairfax County offices to improve drainage and garden habitats. Catch basin by the blacktop will be redone underground. In addition, we are investigating with that agency the possibility of adding outdoor spaces (gardens, other catch basins, replanted with native plants). Outdoor learning space feasibility plan outside of SACC and library to use self-sustaining, native plants to create outdoor learning spaces and gardens. Per Fairfax County Government the current basins will be re-engineered and improved!
- Buddy bench is in the process of being ordered; dedicated to Karen Goughan, will order a purple bench if possible in honor of her favorite color

-1st Vice President for Programs

Dawn Keene

- Drama Club is presenting Peter Pan, Jr – come see the shows this weekend!

-2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Chanda McCarthy (Given by Dawn and Nicole)

- Run for Rocky – almost \$34,000 raised. Huge thank you to volunteers and donations, teachers and admin for silly string spraying; beautiful fun filled day, successful event
- Box Tops Contest – Mrs. Hartwell's class won the pizza party. Over \$1,000 raised; that represents over one half of our goal. Next contest runs through the month of February
- Restaurant Night – Flippin Pizza in December and CAVA in Mosaic on January 11, 2017
- Book Fair – going on now, thank you for supporting our library. Don't forget the teacher wish lists! Also, proceeds will help libraries in Louisiana buy books to help rebuild after being affected by flooding
- Yearbook – need a shadow for yearbook club and sales, get creative and fulfill a big need
- Homes Tour – need an organizer for this spring fundraiser
- Katy Hesford – need volunteers to learn about the garden and take over the program; shadow

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- Wish Fund Grants (attached) proposals include rails for smart board installation; folding chairs and dolly for school events, discussed space to store folding chairs; HP Probooks for reading room are compatible with school and are the same machines used by 5th graders; Read Live
- Motion made and approved to fund the wish fund grants in full, no opposed or abstained
- Nicole: classroom items on the second page of budget (classroom language arts, field trips, patrols, principals fund and staff development) – one check, ok to be written and distributed now; motion approved

VI. Announcements

Check out www.mantuapta.org and the AlertNews for more information on what is happening at Mantua

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:36pm