

**Notes of the Mantua PTA  
April 11, 2007  
Mantua Elementary School**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

**Executive Board:** *Mary Jo Kavjian, Terry Murphy, Elizabeth Wasserman*

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

**Board Members:** *Donna McGrath*

**General Membership:** *none*

Minutes were distributed for the January 2007 meeting. Terry made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 2007 PTA meeting. Elizabeth Wasserman seconded. The motion carried.

Terry Murphy delivered the Treasurer's Report. He said the PTA had a \$47,000 cash balance as of March 30. He said the auction made \$7,124 and the Carnival netted \$15,169 plus several checks for baskets that haven't been processed yet. He said the PTA was also expecting revenue from the Magnet Art program. He asked about several unencumbered items that were still on the budget from last year. Mrs. Fernandez and PTA officials said they would get back to him with the status of those items. He said the PTA expects to have about \$15,000 to fund the Principal's Wish List this year. He also noted that the Kids Care Club earned \$1,500 from the Talent Show and asked whether the PTA had decided how to allocate those funds.

Donna McGrath made a motion to spend \$500 from the Kids Care Club Talent Show to pay for salaries and grocery costs related to the after school program for the Total Communications students. Elizabeth Wasserman seconded. Motion was approved.

Terry Murphy also pointed out that the Mantua Basketball program earned \$3,800 this year, after costs for T-shirts, basketballs and other supplies. He suggested that the PTA explore lowering the fee for the program since this is not a fundraising program.

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

- On April 25 Fairfax School Board Member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner will be visiting Mantua to meet with the PTA, administration and parents.
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch is Friday, May 11, starting at noon.
- The Fairfax County School Board has approved redistricting middle school GT, which will not affect Mantua residents directly although some Mantua GT students who live in Camelot or Fairhill may go to Luther Jackson Middle School instead of Frost.

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

- Secretaries Appreciation Week is in two weeks and we need help manning the school office while the staff goes to lunch.
- Sixth grade night out will be April 20, from 6-9 p.m. this year. Not only will there be a movie, but games and other activities.
- Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for April 30 at 2 p.m.
- GT orientation is on May 14.
- On May 7, there will be a dedication of a tree in memory of the late student Cameron McClain.
- MaryJo Kavjian and Chip Gertzog were chosen to be recognized by the county for their work on behalf of Mantua.

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

- Teachers and students in the TC program wanted to extend their thanks to the PTA for sponsoring the percussion group that performed recently at the school.
- Mrs. Tingler may host a conference in literacy for the hearing impaired next summer at Mantua.

The following committee announcements were made:

### **Carnival**

- Elizabeth Wasserman said that Mantua's Spring Carnival was a success and netted more than \$15,000 for the PTA.
- The Carnival Committee is looking at making some improvements including, putting a person in charge of middle school and high school volunteers, altering the prize system to reduce fraud, and considering a cash system for food.

### **Art Project**

- Faye Henris submitted a written report updating the status of the Magnet Art Project Fundraiser. More than 830 pieces of art were completed, collected and turned into magnets. Unwanted magnets were returned and orders for other goods were placed. Completed orders are expected to be distributed on or around April 23 – in time for Mother's Day.

### **Kids Care Club**

- The Raccoon Run is scheduled for May 12.
- A band-aid collection program will launch in late April and continue with a collection box at the Raccoon Run to benefit Life with Cancer. This was a request from the McClain family. Boxes of band-aids will be accepted to benefit the children helped by the Life with Cancer program.

### **Nominating Committee**

- A nominating committee has been formed. DeeAnn Jeremiah, Lois Urbanek, and Tracy Williams are looking for prospective PTA board members.

### **Motions Carried**

Adoption of Minutes for January 2007 PTA meeting.

Allocation of \$500 from Kids Care Club proceeds to help pay costs associated with the after school program for TC students.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman  
Co-Secretaries