

**Notes of the Mantua PTA**  
**May 7, 2008**  
**Mantua Elementary School**

Vice President Donna McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

**Executive Board:** *Bob Greene, Donna McGrath, Terry Murphy, Mary Rollins*

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

**Board Members:** *Monica Cameron, Mary Jo Kavjian, Trish Williams*

**General Membership:** *Nicole Armstrong, Jeri Gloege, Jason Gloege, Susie Kaiser, Teresa LeMair, Shannon Murphy,*

Minutes were distributed for the April 2008 meeting electronically and in print. Bob Greene made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Principal's Report:

- Jan-Marie Fernandez noted several recent successful school events, including the Secretary Appreciation Luncheon.
- A team from Mantua attending the brain and learning Conference, and has shared the important information with faculty and staff.
- SOL testing starts in mid-May.
- Several school events are planned for May:
  - Raccoon Race: Saturday, May
  - Sixth Grade musical: May 12
  - Spring band Concert: 5/27
  - Spring Orchestra Concert: 5/22
- Ms Fernandez submitted the principal's wish list for consideration. The list includes a school wide license for Renzulli Software; 10 new PCs, to update old technology; and 8 Smartboards, which would mean that approximately half of all classrooms and shared rooms within the building are equipped with electronic whiteboards.
- Mantua will be hosting several summer programs this year: a summer literacy intervention program; RecPac; and an extended school year program.

PTA President Bob Greene made the following **Announcement(s)**:

- Bob announced that the kindergarten orientation was very successful. Teresa Lemair did a presentation on volunteer opportunities -- nearly 40 families inquired about volunteering opportunities for the 08/09 school year.
- PTA board elections will take place at the June meeting. The slate of officers was announced in last month's minutes and in the Alert news.
- Bob is looking into a plexiglass bulletin board, which could be used to post parent information in multiple languages. This, along with new literature racks, would be installed in the front lobby of the school. Bob will continue to investigate the feasibility of the project -- and will provide appropriate updates.

Terry Murphy made the following **Treasurer's Report**:

- Year to date profit through April is \$14,752.
- Cash balance as of May 7, 2008 was \$40,000
- Projected cash balance at the end of June is \$27,000 if all budgeted expense items are paid for in full.
- The PTA should carry over \$20-25K to cover expenses to be paid in Sep-08.
- The PTA asked to defer a decision on funding items on the principal's wish list until the June meeting.

The following **New Business** announcements were made:

- **Teacher Appreciation luncheon** is Friday, May 6. Volunteers are needed to staff the event and donate food/items.
- Teresa Lemair reported that she is coordinating a **fundraising night at Dogfish Head** Ale House in Falls Church, VA next October 14. The restaurant offers compelling revenue sharing opportunities for such events
- Jason Gloege is working on a new and improved **Mantua PTA website**, which will launch in August for the upcoming school year.
- Drama Club: Jerry Gloege did a parent survey in advance of the launch of the **drama club** next year. Based on the feedback from the survey, Jerry will be putting a proposal together with ideas for structuring the club next year.

#### **Motions Carried**

- Adoption of Minutes for April 2008 PTA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Virginia Fisher and Mary Rollins  
Co-Secretaries