

**Notes of the Mantua PTA  
February 4, 2009  
Mantua Elementary School**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

**Executive Board:** Bob Greene, Trish Williams, Nicole Armstrong, Julie Lifland, Ken Moles, Amy Ivey

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

**General Membership:** Cee Cee Young, Raisha Vaida, Eugene TousSaint, Jeri Gloege, Carrie Clawson, Shannon Murphy, Missy Greene

Minutes were distributed for the January 2009 meeting electronically and in print. Bob Greene made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.

**President's Report :** Bob Greene announced that a Nominating Committee will organize nominees for next year's PTA board. The committee members are Nicole Armstrong, Monica Cameron, and Amy Ivey. The process by which the board will be elected exists in the bylaws and was explained by Bob Greene.

**Treasurer's Report :** Julie Lifland reported that the Talent Show grossed \$1,864.00. There was an excellent turnout and 20 more acts in this year's show than last. Much gratitude was expressed to Jeri Gloege for all of her efforts towards the show. AXA Grant money has been received and deposited. Auditors are being pursued to audit this year's budget. Money is being received from the many fundraisers this year.

**Principal's Report :** Mrs. Fernandez noted that the School Board votes this Thursday on next year's budget. There is an upcoming vote on the Bell Schedule. Committee meetings will be held regarding this. There is a website available linked from the FCPS main website.

The School Breakfast Program has too few students purchasing. The program needs a minimum of 35 students daily to continue to receive funding. A reminder will be sent through Alert News regarding this. Will need to change to box breakfast without an increase by April. If box breakfasts are served, the manager position will be cut and another staff member will be required to be present.

The ESOL student testing is under way.

Colonial Day is on 2/19 for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mrs. Tingler noted that the Deaf program is beginning 3/5/09 and donations are needed. Sign Language classes for staff members will be given 3:15 – 4 p.m.

Ms. Thompson noted that the String's Concert went well last night. The Band Concert is next Wed. night. 7 p.m.

Master Do from Tiger Eye Taekwondo is bringing a group of children students to demonstrate on 2/23.

SOL testing for 5<sup>th</sup> grade upcoming – multiple choice 3/3/09 and writing on 3/4/09.

Mantua received the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence which means it is within the top tier of schools in the state.

The Pyramid art show is at Frost Middle School on 2/23/09. Mrs. Watkins is the point of contact for the show. Families are to be contacted if their child's work is selected.

**Ms. Thompson's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday is on 3/19/09 !**

**Report of First Co-Vice President for Community Outreach :** Trish Williams thanked Teresa Lemair for all of her outstanding efforts this year.

Jeri Gloege and Allen Clark are developing a wish list of repairs to technology to be submitted to the Principals and PTA.

Due to the unfortunate illness of our SACC teacher, the SACC children were unable to perform at the Talent Show. Attempts will be made to allow them to perform at Heritage Night.

Monica Cameron noted that "Take Your Family To School Week" is next week. The entire week is planned. Flyers have been sent out describing the activities. Of note, the Multicultural Exchange will be hosting the Parent Panel Discussion and the Coffee with the Principal. The Parent Panel event will occur on the Monday 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. and is designed to be an inservice for the teachers and administration, but is open to all parents. It will consist mainly of a presentation of international parent experiences with home life, education, and religion/culture. There will be Korean and Spanish translators at the Coffee with the Principal.

There will be a check presentation from AXA Foundation to the Multicultural Exchange at the Coffee. The money is presented to allow continuation of our Multicultural Exchange efforts. There is current discussion about utilizing some of the money for the TC Program which is the group in our school of most need. Plans are being made to provide a "Bragging Book" to the AXA Foundation to thank them for this wonderful award. This would accompany the followup forms provided by AXA Foundation/ National PTA.

Heritage Night is 3/19/09 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

Literacy Night is 3/19/09 7:00 – 8:00p.m. (The same night).

Ms. Thompson suggests targeting the multicultural acts for Heritage Night due to time limitations.

**Report of Second Vice President for Membership and Fundraising :** Nicole

Armstrong noted that the auction is currently ongoing online. The final set closes 2/15. The Alert News will change back to a mainly online communication. "Virtual Backpack" is to be set up for next year. All flyers will go through this system. This service could potentially be collaborated with school communications and will reduce demand for volunteer hours.

**Old Business :** The Talent show was a big success !

**New Business :** Missy Greene noted that the Carnival theme is "Mantua Going Green". Plans are underway. There is a need for recycling bins as there is no recycling pickup at the school. A "Dunking Booth" was requested by Ms. Thompson.

The Boy Scouts have requested permission to display derby cars in the front lobby. There are currently 3 award applications that are being worked on by the administration and parents. These are awards designed to recognize excellence in service to the school. An Ice Cream Social in May has been requested by Andrea Maynes to benefit the Spirit Committee. Exact date is pending.

The Internet Safety Booklet presented at the last meeting by Amy Ivey has been provided to the appropriate people. Jane Dunfee is the point of contact person. Communications are ongoing.

Mrs. Sottolano noted that the SCA is collecting change (coins) for Leukemia in the front lobby.

### **Motions Carried**

Adoption of minutes for January 7, 2009 meeting approved.

**Adjournment** : 8:38 p.m.

Ken Moles  
Secretary