

**Notes of the Mantua PTA
June 3, 2009
Mantua Elementary School**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present at the meeting were:
Executive Board: Bob Greene, Nicole Armstrong, Trish Williams, Julie Lifland, Ken Moles, Monica Cameron, Amy Ivey
School Representatives: Mrs. Jan-Marie Fernandez, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Sottolano
General Membership: Lori Pendergrast, Terry Murphy, Shannon Murphy, Chris Decarlo, Teresa Willebeck-Lemair, CeeCee Young

Minutes were distributed for May 6 meeting electronically and in print. Bob Greene made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 6 meeting. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee : The nominating committee included 4 individuals : Monica Cameron, Amy Ivey, Trish Williams, and Nicole Armstrong. The nominees were announced and since there was only 1 nominee for each position, a voice vote was held. The floor was opened for additional nominees to the ballot, however, no additional nominations were made.

The following officers were elected by voice voting :

President : Nicole Armstrong – by unanimous vote

First Vice President : Monica Cameron – by unanimous vote

Second Vice President : Teresa Willebeck-Lemair – by unanimous vote

Secretary : Lori Pendergrast - by unanimous vote

Treasurer : Julie Lifland – by unanimous vote

President's Report : Bob Greene noted several upcoming events. Field Days will be 6/9 for K-2, 6/10 for 3-4, and 6/11 for 5-6.

The Volunteers Tea will be held 6/12.

6th grade awards will be 6/17 at 9-11:30 a.m. Nicole Armstrong will be speaking as PTA president.

Mrs Tingler has a new baby!!!! His picture was shown at the meeting and he was noted as being 1000 times cuter than any of the current PTA Board members.

Treasurer's Report : Julie Lifland discussed the current balance. There was a discussion regarding encumbered items.

There was a vote to encumber funds for Community Emergency Response. \$4000.00 was the amount. The amount was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Audit is planned for later in the summer.

There will be a Budget meeting planned for the upcoming Board and Committee Chairs.

Principal's Report : Mrs Fernandez noted that all concerts are done other than the upcoming 6th grade musical. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon went well. The Retirement for Mrs.Han was celebrated. The memorial celebration for Mrs. Cronin was held in the library where a memorial rocking chair was presented to the library in her memory.

Movement and Learning research is being studied by Mrs. Fernandez and staff. The deadline for teacher request letters is 7/31. Mrs Fernandez will be handling these issues by herself this year due to Mrs. Tingler's maternity leave. Mrs. Thompson noted the 6th grade Science Fair is completed. The 5th grade is producing a play as well. The yearbook has been completed and 50 copies remain available for purchase.

Report of First Co-Vice President for Community Outreach: Monica Cameron noted our great appreciation to CeeCee Young for her work and efforts towards the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon.

Report of Second Vice President for Membership and Fundraising : Shannon Murphy noted that membership was only 630. Greater than 50% of parents. The Board is contacting Debbie Fitzpatrick from NOVA district PTA to see if the membership cards must be mailed to each member or just made available.

Old Business : The Ross family was again thanked for donations to the Teacher's Luncheon. Ideas for the timing of this event in the future are to go to Mrs. Sottolano. The Raccoon Run made around \$12,000.00 for Life With Cancer and had a record number of kids running in the 5K.

New Business : Mrs. Sottolano noted the gratitude towards Teresa Lemair for organizing the Medieval Days Fair. The 5th grade enjoyed spiritual leaders as guest speakers. The speakers included a Buddhist Monk, 2 Rabbis, and a Reverend. The 5th grade is also starting its Global Project.

The Annual PTA Training session will be available again this year from FFXCO Council of PTAs

A question was raised about the effect of budget cuts on Mantua. Mrs Fernandez noted that there was no current staff depletion anticipated.

The PTA Board and Teresa Lemair were then recognized individually for their efforts throughout the preceding year.

Motions Carried

Adoption of minutes for May 6, 2009 meeting approved.

Election of PTA Board members as noted in the minutes.

Approval of motion to encumber \$4000.00 towards Community Emergency Response.

Adjournment : 8:08 p.m.

Ken Moles
Secretary