

**Notes of the Mantua PTA**  
**May 6, 2009**  
**Mantua Elementary School**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were:  
**Executive Board:** Bob Greene, Nicole Armstrong, Julie Lifland, Monica Cameron, Ken Moles

**School Representatives:** Mrs. Jan-Marie Fernandez, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Sottolano

**General Membership:** Robert Silkowitz, Donna Mcgrath, Shannon Murphy, Terry Murphy, Shannon Waters, Theresa Lemair

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

**President's Report :** Bob Greene introduced Robert Silkowitz who discussed GOTR (Girls On The Run) program. The PTA is to Charter this program in the future. This program is designed to help build self esteem in girls by utilizing running activities. The cost is \$160.00/session per student. There will be 2 sessions per school year, Spring and Fall. The program is to begin after Labor Day. There will be a 5K run in December. Volunteers ( Female parents ) will be needed in the form of coaches. The age groups will be 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade (as GOTR) and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade (as Girls on Track). A syllabus will be available. Tentative times include am at 7:45- 8:45 Mondays and pm 1:15 – 2:30 Mondays and 3:45-4:45 Thursdays. Mr. Silkowitz is currently working on finalizing plans and participation.

Deirdre Mayes was given an award from the FCPS for her excellence in service towards the FLEX Program.

Diane Peterson was noted as a finalist in the FFXCO Support Employee of the Year Award. An awards ceremony was provided at Luther Jackson Middle School.

Maureen Pass discussed Yearbook Plans. Of note were the priorities of replacing her as coordinator. She provided a written plan of organization for next year including specific concerns and problems that should be addressed. Josten's was noted as an excellent vendor.

The Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board was mentioned and the current list of nominees was provided. Any one who is interested in being a nominee can still write their name on the June ballot. Elections are to be held at the June PTA meeting. You must be present to vote. Current candidates are : Treasurer – Julie Lifland, President – Nicole Armstrong, Secretary – Lori Pendergrast, First and Second Co-Vice Presidents - Monica Cameron and Teresa Lemair.

**Treasurer's Report :** Julie Lifland noted that \$1,228 was netted by the staff basketball game. Other budget items were discussed. A need to upgrade the sound system for the stage was mentioned by Ms. Thompson.

There will be budget reconciliation in the June meeting.

**Principal's Report :** Mrs. Fernandez noted that Kindergarten orientation went well with a large incoming group. "Advanced Academics" will be the new name for the GT Program. Mrs. Fernandez and 6 teachers will attend the Brain and Learning Conference in Washington, D.C. this weekend. The Italian Heritage Lodge visited the school and presented \$500.00 to support the Italian Program.

There will be a memorial for Mrs. Cronin in the Library on Thursday, May 21 at 4 pm. PTA and volunteers are invited. There will be a rocking chair and plaque presented to the Library in her memory.

A PTA Wish List was presented by Mrs. Fernandez. Professional Development was the top priority. Computer replacements, Smartboards, and paper/printer cartridges were second priority.

Ms. Thompson mentioned that testing is done.

**Report of First Co-Vice President for Community Outreach :** Monica Cameron noted that a meeting will be held at some future date to discuss next year's Multicultural events.

**Report of Second Vice President for Membership and Fundraising :** Nicole Armstrong noted that the Ice Cream Social for the Spring will not be held. Andrea Maynes is not able to organize this. This will be reevaluated for next year. The New Alert News is out. Woodson PTA is considering not paying National PTA Membership. Maureen Pass recommended we consider selling video productions of school events produced by Jane Dunfee.

**Old Business :** Staff basketball game went well. Kindergarten orientation went well and produced many volunteers. The Parent Education event coordinated by Amy Ivey on Internet Safety went very well and was well attended.

**New Business :** Teacher appreciation week has gone well so far and the Luncheon is going to be this Friday. Time was noted as the best present to give teachers.

Raccoon Run this Saturday.

Field days will need a new coordinator to replace Donna McGrath for next year. They are scheduled this year on 6/9 K-2, 6/10 3-4, 6/11 5-6.

#### **Motions Carried**

Adoptions of minutes for April 1,2009 meeting approved.

**Adjournment :** 8:14 p.m.

Ken Moles  
Secretary