

MINUTES
General PTA Membership Meeting
9:30 A.M. March 13, 2015
Mantua Elementary School

I. Call Meeting to Order - 9:35 AM

Julie Middleton

II. Adoption of February 2015 Minutes – a motion was made and approved to adopt the minutes as written.

III. Reports

• President's Report

Julie Middleton

We have a few items of new/old business at the end of the meeting, at least one requiring a vote.

• Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

- *Box Tops*: As of March 4th, they have cut us a new check and we should receive it in the next 2 weeks for \$1763.40 (We were supposed to get it back in December, but it was lost.)
- *Spring Fling/Carnival*: Additional expenses were reimbursed for face painting supplies, prizes, paper products, activities, and water bottles (\$1528.81)
- *Fundraising Partnerships*: Target sent us a check for \$399.22 by customers linking their Red Card to donate funds to Mantua Elementary School
- *Restaurant Nights*: We received \$591.36 from Chipotle and \$48.80 from Panda Express and some expenses are included for paper purchased for flyers to these events in our Supplies budgeted line item
- *Spirit Wear*: Some expenses have been reimbursed for paper to print out the order forms and flyers (\$25.96)
- *Printer Cartridges*: We have received \$20.00 for our recycling efforts

Filing Fees: The Commonwealth of Virginia's State Corporation Commission's annual fee of \$25.00 was due

Programs & Events

- *Basketball*: Income shows \$1000 more because we received the registration fee back for a tournament that was canceled due to low interest. The \$1000 also shows in the Expenses as a result of the check written out for the registration fee. Trophies were purchased as well.
- *Community Spirit Activities*: Expenses totaling \$382.96 have been reimbursed for Lego Night (rescheduled for April), Valentine's Dance, Ice Skating, & Pokemon
- *Kids Care Club*: \$75.21 have been spent to purchase supplies for some of the projects they are working on

- *School Spirit Displays*: Expenses were reimbursed for decorating the front entry way in February
- *Talent Show Expense*: \$600.00 was written to pay the guy that handles all of the lighting and sound stuff for the Talent Show. It has been rescheduled for April 11th.

Hospitality & Appreciation Exp: Administrators Appreciation week was last week. \$182.19 was spent to show our appreciation with meals, gifts and treats to the Administrators and Office Staff.

Membership Dues: State & National dues were paid for 6 new members as of February since December. (\$13.00)

- Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez,
Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

- 6th grade visited Frost and Luther Jackson, made course selections
- Thank you for the wonderful gifts during Administrators Appreciation Week
- 3rd grade dental screening happened, feedback being sent to parents
- Group Picture Day coordinated by Ms. Alley and Lori Prendergast
- Read Across America Week
- Basketball Finals were last two nights, very exciting and lots of great sportsmanship
- 7 snow days since our last PTA meeting
- No school on Monday, Strategic Planning Day
- 3/17 - Family 1 Field Trip to Skippyjon Jones performance
- 3/21 - Spring Fling
- 3/26 - Heritage and Literacy Night 6-8 PM
- 3/27 - Thanks for Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Vijay, we will have Tyler Dewitt talk to 4th-6th grade students about bacteria
- 3/30-4/3 - Spring Break
- April 6 – No School, Strategic Planning Day
- April 9 – PTA Meeting, 7 PM

Ms. Alley

- 6th Grade advanced math test, IOWA - scores out in the mail, need 91% or higher and pass advanced on 7th grade SOL's in order to do Algebra in 7th grade, Mrs. Fernandez asks parents to think carefully about what is appropriate for your child
- Naeglieri – given online for the first time to the 1st graders, have a few makeups. Online transition seemed to go well this year, will be interesting to see results and be able to compare
- SOL dates May 11-June 5

- 3rd grade Reading 5/11 AND 5/12 Math 5/28 AND 5/29
- 4th grade Reading 5/13 Math 5/22 Virginia History 6/2
- 5th grade Reading 5/15 Science 5/20 Math 6/1
- 6th grade Reading 5/19 Math 5/27
- New this year - 6th grade Math SOL (given to 5th grade advanced math students and 6th grade general education math students) will be CAT, Computer Adapted Test, in which the answer to first question determines what the second question will be; this type of test is similar to where other assessments are going; scores will still be same, questions are weighted based on difficulty; cannot skip questions and go back with this test (reading test will stay same and allow skipping)
- 4th grade advanced math students take 4th grade math SOL. 5th and 6th grade advanced math students take 6th and 7th grade math SOL's respectively
- Next week a lot of important information will go home with students – start times, calendar information, etc.

Mr. Rousos

- Summer school has been funded, will be held in July.
- Close to magical # of 8 snow days If one more snow day this year, we could achieve waiver to allow FCPS to start before Labor Day weekend (would expect that to start following school year, '16-'17)
- 1st Vice President for Programs Lisa Libby, Ellen Lemeiux
 - Reflections winners will be mentioned in Alert News soon
 - Academic Competitions very successful
 - Late Registration for Spring Enrichment Classes ends today
 - FLEX Class registration still open, information on website
 - Talent Show April 11th 5:30 PM, rehearsal Wednesday April 8th 5:30 PM
 - April 24 – New date for Lego Night, 7 PM
- 2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership Meri Farling
 - March 19 – last Restaurant Night at Dickey's
 - Box Tops – Ms. Boyd's class won the contest – another \$600 coming
 - Yearbook Club – put together 80% of the yearbook pages
 - Yearbook – at 50% of yearbook sales
 - Spring Fling – March 21st, rain or shine or snow
 - Homes Tour will be on June 7th – Sharon Schechl - more committee members (one

member per house) this year, have a couple of houses already, will be an information table at Spring Fling, trying to partner with MCA to promote during picnic

IV. Old Business

- PTA By-Laws – revised by laws have been posted on the website for a month, only proposed revision was something that was actually submitted but not included in proposed revisions 5 years ago – increasing the maximum number of 2-year terms from 2 to 4 (optional) It was moved and approved to revise the by-laws as proposed.

V. New Business

- Nominating Committee – We need to establish a nominating committee of at least 3 members. Committee needs to be voted on in April so we can have elections in June. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Middleton.
- Vote on 6th Grade Musical Expense – The PTA was approached by the music department about helping to purchase some items for the 6th grade musical that can be reused each year so parents do not have to purchase. Original request was bowtie, cummerbund, and shirts. After discussion, we propose to increase our expenses by \$600 in order to purchase 50 sets of cummerbunds and bow ties for use by the music department for the 6th grade musical, as well as chorus, band and strings concerts as needed. The cost of one cummerbund and bow tie set is about \$12.00. We propose purchasing 50 sets for about \$600. In general, the PTA Board would prefer to have this sort of request made in conjunction with our new Wish Fund Program. However, due to the timing of the need for these items (6th grade musical), we decided not to wait until our next round of Wish Fund grants in Fall 2015. While the request was for 50 sets, after discussion at the meeting, the members agree that we should purchase 10 extras...\$12 a set, 60 sets, total is approximately \$750. Any change to the budget over \$300 has to be voted on by the membership. A motion was made and approved to purchase the 60 bowtie/cummerbund sets. The music department should establish a system for loaning these items to students so that they can be used year after year.

VI. Announcements- Check out www.mantuapta.org for more information on these and other events:

March 16: School Closed, Student Holiday

March 19: Restaurant Night at Dickey's Barbecue Pit

March 21: SPRING FLING

March 23/24: Raccoon Runners Program Begins

March 26: Heritage and Literacy Night

March 30-April 6: School Closed for Spring Break

April 9: PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM

VII. Adjournment - 10:38 AM