

MINUTES – FINAL, Approved 4/14/2016

General PTA Membership Meeting

March 11, 2016, 9:30m

Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Julie Middleton.

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Julie Middleton, Lisa Libby, Chanda McCarthy, Nicole Willis, Kristina Clarke, Bob Greene, Kathy Phillips, Cindy Ruckno, Shannon Murphy, Donna Hoover, Rachel Lima and Tre Krupnick

Administration and School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley, Nick Rousos

II. Adoption of February 2016 Minutes – A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as written

III. Reports

-President's Report

Julie Middleton

- Julie welcomed all attendees to the meeting
- We have several upcoming events and volunteer needs associated with those events including the Spring Fling and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- We are continuing to recruit volunteers including open board positions for next year – President and VP of Programs. Volunteer Appreciation event will also reach out to individuals and touch on open positions.

-Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Fundraisers

- Escript has received \$15.93 from Amazon Smile purchases
- \$998.69 was paid out to purchase prizes for the Carnival/Spring Fling and to make flyers to advertise the event

Membership Dues

- We received 2 new members this past month

Filing Fees

- The State Corporation Commission Annual Filing Fees of \$25.00 was paid

Programs & Events

- Brixalot was paid \$275.00 for their wonderful Family Fun Lego Night event that was well attended
- The Active Parenting Workshop materials were purchased for a total of \$509.69. This account is over budget by almost \$254.00 – after we raised the budget from \$350 to \$1250.00 at previous meetings. As long as there is not more than \$300 spent over budget, it does not need to be approved by the general membership in attendance

- The sound engineer for the Talent Show was paid \$600 to work his magic at the event this coming Saturday and reimbursements were paid for the flyers made to advertise the event
- Bob Greene: Is there a long term project in planning for PTA funds? Julie Middleton responded that there is not a specific project; rather Wish Fund, PTA programs and support to the school/principals are primary focus. There had been a conversation started regarding a track but that has been halted due to ongoing grounds issues.

-Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez

- Hada Castro-DeBonilla was introduced as the new Building Supervisor
- Stomach Flu is going around the school but is not related to food served or cleanliness of building. It is a virus being spread around Mantua, the county and the state. Health monitors are at some schools checking children for symptoms. If children are not at school during the day, they should not come to any other school events.
- On Wednesday March 9, Ms. Fernandez attended a reception for Life with Cancer to thank Mantua for its support. Ms. Fernandez reports that it is a beautiful new building with a house-like atmosphere that offers services to families and patients. Mantua is recognized in the foyer of the building as a major fundraiser through our Raccoon Run, now in its 16th year. The Raccoon Run honors a former Mantua ES teacher who fought cancer. Also Woodson Young Hearts was honored.

Other events that took place:

- Celebrate Calm Parent Education Workshops, 2/25-26
- Lego Night, 3/4
- Ms. Dubose's class - Meteorologist Doug Hill visited and filmed a segment to be aired later
- Peer Mediators Training and Conference, 3/9
- Boys and Girls Basketball Playoffs and Championship Games
- Colonial Day, 3/10
- Read Across America Week

Upcoming events:

- Talent Show tomorrow, 3/12
- Woodson math students visit Mantua again to do a workshop for 4th and 5th grade students
- Spring Break and Teacher Workday, 3/21-25 and 3/28
- Ms. Zimmerman's class to White House, 3/30
- Colvin Run field trip, 3rd grade, 4/1
- Spring Fling, 4/2
- Drama Club presents The Snow Queen, 4/8 at 7pm and 4/9 at 2pm
- Colvin Run field trip, remaining 3rd grade classes
- PTA Meeting, 4/14 at 7pm
- Kindergarten Orientation, 4/21 – 2 hour early release day so the orientation format will be similar to when it was previously held on half day Mondays

-Assistant Principal**Amy Alley**

- IOWA Algebra preparedness assessment was taken by 6th graders, scores will be sent home. Also need SOL scores before final decision on math placement for 7th grade
- WIDA assessments finish next week, scores will be received in June
- Naglieri was given on Wednesday 3/9, children who were absent are taking a make-up test today; scores will be mailed home in 1-2 months
- SOL tests will be given in May and June; finalized dates will be posted soon. Third grade math SOL test - technology enhanced computer adaptive test format will be used. As students answer questions, the test adjusts based on their responses. Students cannot go back to look at a question again. ECarts have been formatted to test in the same way so that students can get used to not being able to go back. It does make for a more accurate test with fewer questions.
- AAP Orientation on 4/20 – notification letters come from the central AAP office

-Assistant Principal**Nick Rousos**

- Bike to Work Day – Our school was chosen to receive a bike shaped bike rack with our school logo engraved on it, a ceremony will be planned soon

-1st Vice President for Programs**Lisa Libby**

- Kathy Phillips for Parent Education: We had a great turn out for Celebrate Calm, 65-70 people attended the evening session and approximately 50 for the day time session the following day, DVDs are available in the library. Twenty-one parents are registered for the Active Parenting seminars. Teresa McConnell is facilitating the seminar; babysitting and translation is being offered. All sessions are going well; one more session next Monday.
- Shannon Murphy for Enrichment: Spring Enrichment will host 17 classes, 245 students are enrolled, cancelled five classes because of low enrollment. Have had one instructor not show up, Ms. Sullivan stayed with students, second infraction by that provider, they offer five classes for us. The provider is doing a make-up class, compensating our teacher for her time and giving parents a refund for the class. Attendance reports and parent sign out is required; instructors have been informed of this policy. System in the office for filing the attendance slips is being reviewed. Payment process was questioned: Enrichment Matters handles administration of registration and coordinates with vendors directly. We can choose which providers to use again based on feedback, a survey is provided to participants' parents at end of each session. Many requests for late registration, more than previous cycles.
- Raccoon Runners is fully staffed, sign up deadline is today; May 7th is the Raccoon Run
- Talent Show is 3/12, 5:30-9 in the gym, concessions will be sold, event will be well attended and many great, creative acts are performing
- Flex registration is open; German and Spanish classes start at end of March
- Four volunteer positions open for 2016-17: AlertNews Editor, Talent Show Director, Yearbook Editor (shadow next year and then take over in 2017-18) and School Spirit Displays
- Reflections – numerous kids were awarded; please check the AlertNews for winners' names and details
- Science Olympiad – acknowledgements in AlertNews
- Korean Translator needed
- Drama Club presents The Snow Queen, 4/8-9

2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Chanda McCarthy

- Spring Fling is three weeks. Volunteers needed, sign up genius link is in the AlertNews. Shadows and volunteers are in place for next year. Looking forward to a great event!
- Homes Tour is in 9 weeks, we have 3 new homes added to the tour, Sharon Schechtel is organizing the event, volunteers will be needed to monitor homes during the tour
- Nicole Willis: Will MOMs (Moms of Mantua) be sponsoring the Cake Walk? Idea is to enlist MOMs group to make/donate the cakes, try to incorporate neighborhood families who are not in the school yet.

IV. Old Business

- Bob Greene, representing the Scouts, offered the Scouts for projects and service. Reach out to Bob via email if you have projects that the Scouts can help with. One possible project was discussed. Printer cartridge recycling – accumulating cartridges, some are already recycled and cannot earn money, name brand ones maybe able to be packaged and earn money for PTA. Scouts can help with sorting and packaging of the cartridges.

V. New Business

- Life Touch – will finish the year with us but a new company, Strawbridge, will be used for school portraits going forward
- Box Tops totals: \$1000 in October, \$800-900 in February, class winner will be awarded

VI. Announcements

- Check out www.mantuapta.org and the AlertNews for more information on what is happening at Mantua

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:38am