

## MINUTES

### General PTA Membership Meeting

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mantua Elementary School

- I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 9:40am.

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Trina Rasmussen, Eva Orlovski, Heather Foglio, Kathy Phillips, Lauren Brennan, Julie Middleton, Johanna Friedlander

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

- II. Adoption of October 2017 Minutes

- III. Wish Fund Description

Wish Fund grants voted on & approved.

### **-President's Report**

**Sam Leiber**

1. Yearbook: The yearbook endeavor is now running smoothly thanks to Jane Dunfee and Shelley Roberts. Josten has the site up and running.
2. The School Bond vote passed.
3. Nominating Committee: We need to start thinking about next year's nominating committee to avoid a stressful process. Sam will put a call out in the Alert News.
4. Drama Club: This year drama club decided to have the Fall production later in the term because it was a more difficult production. It has been determined that the more difficult productions should be saved for the Spring due to the timing of the basketball season. Keeping the Fall performance earlier in the term, right before Thanksgiving is better.
5. National PTA School of Excellence Program: Sam put a survey out in Alert News but only received 20 (approximately) responses. He spoke with VA PTA and there is no required number of responses. He submitted responses to VA PTA. After reviewing the various tracks that can be pursued, Sam determined that the track that Mantua should pursue is that of Advocacy – speaking up for every child. How do we better communicate with parents? Sam will start a process around this.

**Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, October 19, 2017**

**Fundraisers**

- Carnival/Spring Fling - \$50 received from a sponsor that forgot to give us a check from last school year
- Sponsorships/Directory - \$838.34 more received from Directory Sponsors for a total of \$1,407.46, however, our Expenses total is \$1,513.81 to print the directories. We did not receive enough in sponsorships to cover the cost of the directories. Our Membership Dues collected will cover this deficit.
- Donations – \$721.14 received, \$563.70 of which came from Benevity (They allow corporations to participate in online giving, matching, volunteering, and integrated grant management solutions to their employees.)
- eScrip – a deposit was received for \$1.79
- Fundraising Partnerships –\$91.78 via the Amazon Click-Through program and \$16.98 via the Amazon Smile program
- Restaurant Nights - \$400 was sent by Kai10 Sushi!!
- Fall Fundraiser/Run for Rocky – Received total Income \$38,280.47 less Expenses \$7,199.44 – for a profit of \$31,081.03.

**Hospitality & Appreciation**

- Custodian Appreciation \$25.81 more for cookies/balloons/flowers
- Cafeteria Appreciation week - \$250 paid out to our 5 wonderful cafeteria staff members to thank them for their hard work

**Member Dues**

- \$242.52 more received for a total of \$5,422.80
- Sent checks to the Virginia PTA and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs to pay our membership dues for state/national/local -- \$1,508.00 total paid

**Programs & Events**

- Basketball – received an additional \$220.98, total \$15,327.70 in Income – no expenses received as of yet
- Book Fair – Brought in \$11,772.86. Waiting for the invoice to deduct our expenses so that I can write the Book Fair Library Proceeds check.
- Chat 'n' Chew – Income has been reduced to \$1,845.00 due to credits being processed to PTA members for their club discounts of \$10 each.
- Drama Club – Income has been reduced to \$8,266.32 due to credits being processed to PTA members for their club discounts of \$10 each. Expenses received thus far are \$4,054.00 (includes \$3500 to DramaWorks, T-shirts, Pizza orders for the upcoming show). More to come.
- Kids Care Club \$555.00 Income; \$193.88 Expenses for Teacher Gifts and projects created for homeless gifts
- Raccoon Runners – Income reduced to \$3,794.44 due to credits being processed to PTA members for their club discounts of \$10 each. Expenses are currently at \$2,630.46 (includes snacks, t-shirts, Frotst 5k, Turkey Trot registrations)
- Garden & Landscaping Expenses \$345.29 more for a total of \$514.04 (includes a tree, flowers, birdfeeder, suet/seeds, pots, plants, sign for Loveemma.com, and items for the front garden)
- Eco Team – purchased a large can for recycling, dolly, & liner bags for \$189.98
- Reflections -- \$344.38 total (trophies, kit supplies)
- School Spirit Displays – Holiday décor for the front entrance – Expenses of \$25.80

## Bank Charges

- \$40 in returned payment fees was assessed by MemberPlanet for unprocessed charges online. I am in the process of trying to get these two fees reversed.

## -Principals' Report

**Jan-Marie Fernandez**

Since last meeting:

- Thanksgiving Lunch – auxiliary rooms appreciated and now needed with so many students
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Camp Highroad
- Book Fair
- Choral Group performed at Fairfax City Festival of Lights
- Parent Group discussion regarding homework
- Band Concert

Upcoming Events:

12/8,9:	PTA Event: Fall Drama Club Production
12/11:	4 <sup>th</sup> grade strings photo – no concert until the spring but photo taken now
12/12:	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade students to meet with Woodson students for afterschool math help
12/13:	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade math enrichment
12/13:	Winter Chorus Concert, 7pm
12/15:	Winter Sing-a-Long – a video being created for parents who wish to see afterward
12/15:	Last day of school - regular day, no early release
1 / 2:	End of winter break, return to school
1 / 5:	PTA Monthly Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:30am

Additional news:

Mantua ES has been put forward for the National Blue Ribbon Program.

Language Program: Frost and Woodson received permission last year to no longer offer Italian; however, this change came so close to the end of the school year that Mantua was unable to react. First thing in 2018, a parent and staff survey will be sent out to determine what changes are desired at Mantua as a response to the change at Frost and Woodson.

Kiss & Ride: Teachers are feeling unsafe as parents are on their phones while driving in the Kiss & Ride. We need everyone to be attentive and focused.

**-Assistant Principal**

**Amy Alley**

CogAT scores should be determined by mid January.

There are letters in the mail for the following 2 tests:

1. WIDA: [www.wida.us](http://www.wida.us) “WIDA supports academic language development and academic achievement for linguistically diverse students through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional development for educators.”  
There are approximately 110 kids in the school who are earmarked for this test.
2. IOWA: 6<sup>th</sup> grade AAP and Advanced Math students will take the IOWA on January 10<sup>th</sup>. It is an opt out test. If a student gets 91 or higher and a pass advance on the SOL, the student has the option of taking Algebra in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Nick Rousos**

There is now grass out back at the work site but the fence will remain until the grass is established. The sod is under warranty for a year. Everything is complete except for the chain link around the drain area. A sign will be posted with an explanation.

**-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Programs**

**Dawn Keene**

A big thank you to all of the families who donated books to the book drive.

**-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Fundraising/Membership**

**Terri Radziewski**

We had a very successful Restaurant Night at Kai10 Sushi.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Announcements

Check out [www.mantuapta.org](http://www.mantuapta.org) and the AlertNews for more information on what is happening at Mantua

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

