

MINUTES - Approved
General PTA Membership Meeting
May 11th, 2018
Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 9:35am.

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Terri Radziewski, Dawn Keene, Trina Rasmussen, Emily Mosso, Lisa Libby, Molly Gravholt, Ali Wills, Edith Macarthur, Katie Graap

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

II. Adoption of March 2018 & April 2018 Minutes – a motion was made and carried to approve the minutes as written

III. Reports

President's Report

Sam Leiber

- We had an awesome Spring Fling! A thank you to Terri (Radziewski) and all the volunteers. It was a great day with great weather.
- We also had a great Teacher Appreciation luncheon.
- The National PTA is looking for participation to help push key bills through Congress:
 - The Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act (H.R. 4240);
 - The Background Check Completion Act (H.R. 3464/S. 1923);
 - To authorize funds to the CDC to conduct research on gun violence prevention (H.R. 1832/S. 834)
 - The Assault Weapons Ban of 2018 (H.R. 5087);
 - The Gun Violence Restraining Order Act of 2017 (H.R. 2598/S 1212)

Go to www.pta.org/home/advocacy to get involved.

Treasurer's Report

Nicole Willis

Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, April 5, 2018

Fundraisers

- Carnival/Spring Fling – Current Income at \$15,408.55. We are expecting some more Silent Auction Payments and Subway. Expenses currently at \$6330.94. Current profit is at \$9077.61.
- Amazon Click-Through program brought in \$116.48 for March and April 2018.
- Restaurant Night at Flippin Pizza brought in \$412.17. Finally received the check.

Membership Dues

- One new member joined (\$14.04 via MemberPlanet)

Programs & Events

- Raccoon Runners – Additional registrations processed via MemberPlanet and checks are \$2380 (grand total for Spring 2018 is \$2630 income). Expenses include snacks, Raccoon Run Registration, and t-shirts for \$2037.39 total.
- Sixth Grade Party – Collection has begun. I've received 2 checks so far. MaryBeth Fleming is keeping track of all of the funds collected. There are payments online via MemberPlanet as well.
- Author's Conference – April 21st Barbara Pyron visited the school – we paid for her transportation and gave her a thank you of \$100.00 (\$556)
- Basketball – paid for their trophies (\$606.40) and FCPS Community Use of the facilities (\$1391.50)
- Eco Team – \$271.62 spent on locks for the fridge, native plant books, bird ID cards, and plants for the native garden
- Garden & Landscaping – \$309.17 spent on plants for the courtyard and front pots, seeds, mulch for the courtyard
- Drama Club Expenses – \$59.96 reimbursement for set supplies
- Talent Show Expenses – \$148.63 reimbursement for fliers, video tapes, batteries, food

Hospitality & Appreciation Exp

- Office Staff – We treated the office staff to a lunch from Baja Fresh and provided breakfast one morning (\$166.35)

Learning Resources Expenses

- Music – We are paying \$50 for piano accompaniment during the choral concert

Mantua ES Wish Fund

- Ms. Sullivan's request for binoculars – they purchased qty 24 for \$702.24 (under our budgeted amount for the wish fund). I believe this is the last item that was outstanding on the wish fund list.

Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez

Recent Events:

- Colonial Day
- Woodson Pyramid Art Show
- Kindergarten Orientation
- End of 3rd quarter
- Bioretention Planting by 5th graders
- Mrs. Fernandez went on a recruiting trip to Boston University (26 colleges represented; made a number of early hires for the County)
- Spring Picture Day
- Spring Fling
- Secretary Appreciation Week
- 3rd Grade field trip to Cherry Hill Farm House
- K-2 author visit: Sue Fleiss
- 4th Grade field trip to the National Symphony Orchestra
- Salad Bar introduced in the cafeteria
- AAP Orientation

- All County Choral Festival
- 3rd-6th Grade author visit: Bobbie Pyron
- 6th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 5th-6th Band Concert
- 5th Grade MeWe Project
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Families 1,2,4 field trip to George Mason University: Charlotte's Web

Upcoming Events:

- 5/12 Raccoon Run 1 Mile Fun-Run & 5K
- 5/14 Science Fair Awards, Library
- 5/15 Band Display, 4th Grade
- 5/17 Spring Strings Concert, 5th-6th Grade & 5th Grade Chorus Concert, 7pm
- 5/18 Urban Forest Management Team, tree sapling planting
- 5/18 PTA Event: Lego Night, 7-9pm, Cafeteria
- 5/24 Spring Strings Concert, 4th Grade
- 5/28 SCHOOL CLOSED: Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/30 Kids Care Club Food Drive begins (until June 12th)

Additional Items:

- Dominion Power has offered Mantua a Red Bud tree that will be planted near the Upper Playground. Mantua ES is one of the two schools selected.
- The administration is considering moving the date of the Open House that is normally held the Thursday before school starts. The thought is to combine the Open House and Back-to-School Night into one event to be held on August 27th, the day before school starts. The hope is to have different grades attend at different times throughout the day to avoid overcrowding in the gym. It is early in the planning stages but the school staff and steering committee are on board.

Principals' Report (cont'd)

Nick Rousos

There has been some ADA Compliance work completed lately, such as: installation of balusters by the water fountains, relocation of garbage cans, lowering of handrails. Future work will include the relocation of the circulation desk in the library.

Amy Alley

Testing:

- This week there was a soft start to SOLs – some students tested early. The big push of SOL testing starts next week. We anticipate some students being absent but makeup opportunities will be made available. Re-testing is available for students who score between 375-399. We need permission from parents to retest.
- 3rd & 6th Grades started Junior PALS Italian Assessments this week (Scores for SOLs and Junior PALS will go home with progress reports)
- K-6th Grades completing the end-of-year Universal Screener
- DRA testing

1st Vice President for Programs

Dawn Keene

- Lego Night will be on May 18th in lieu of Movie Night.
- Questions about the Rocky costume: Can it be loaned out for community events? Mr. Rousos believes it can be done as an Equipment Loan. Can we get it cleaned? Mr. Rousos offered to spray the Rocky body with Lysol and leave it in the book room to dry.

2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Terri Radziewski

- Terri thanked the administration for all of the help provided for Spring Fling, especially Ann Marie DelValle and those who participated in the Dunk Tank. A couple of new things were tried this year, such as online ticket sales, offering a free wristband to volunteers. There were a few issues, such as insufficient food, cotton candy machine blowing fuses.
- FCCPTA is looking for representatives for its School Board Advisory Committee. If interested, apply now.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

- It was brought up by Sam that - after the vote on the new board members in May – the new board may meet to discuss and review all of the existing programs and to look at ways to get more people involved in the PTA.
- A new attendee asked about introducing a Chinese Immersion Afterschool Program. It was explained that this type of program must go through Enrichment Matters. Lisa Libby offered to provide her with the necessary information.
- Ms. Alley needs to review the Back-to-School Supply Kits flyer before we move forward with this new program.

VI. Announcements

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

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.