

**Notes of the Mantua PTA  
April 6, 2005  
Mantua Elementary School**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

**Executive Board:** *John Jennison, Nathan Merrells, and Nancy Robinson.*

**School Representatives:** *Tina Tingler and Cheryl Thompson.*

**Board Members:** *Pete Brandman, Laura Mead, Randi Kirkland, Chris Purcell, Rob Luftglass, Jennifer Cooper, and Allen Clark.*

**General Membership:** *Melissa Morgan, Monica Sander, Peri Ulrey, Mary Gostel, and Jim Kapcan.*

Nathan Merrells made a **motion** that the minutes of the March 2, 2005 meeting be approved. Rob Luftglass seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Jennison distributed the Income Statement for the nine months ending March 31, 2005.

John Jennison made the following announcements:

- A Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board needs to be formed. Laura Mead made a **motion** that Kate Marosek, Cherie Curry, and Jane Prospero serve as the Nominating Committee. Nathan Merrells seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Chris Purcell is coordinating.
- Jennifer Cooper and Jennifer McKenzie have agreed to help with developing a policy for evaluating charities for fundraising purposes.
- Items commemorating the Mantua From Above picture are on order.

Mrs. Fernandez is on vacation and cannot make the **Principals' Report**.

Ms. Tingler made the following **Announcements**:

- There is a new parent liaison on staff.
- She passed around cards expressing thanks for supporting the TC After School program.

Ms. Thompson made the following **Announcements**:

- The Reflections winner awards were given.
- The Odyssey of the Mind team made it to the state finals.

- The carnival was a great time. However, there was vandalism on the school grounds.
- David Schwartz, an author, presented to the school.
- ESOL testing has started and takes a lot of time. SOL testing begins in May.
- Jenny Krell made an excellent presentation on internet protection.
- Coming up in April: the “Bobs” concert, parent/faculty basketball game, and Literacy Night/Heritage Night.

### **Special Presentation**

A special presentation on the Woodson renovation project was made by School Board member Janet Olesek and Fairfax County Public Schools’ Assistant Director of Design and Construction Kevin Snead.

- While Janet Olesek said that she is not pleased with what’s going on with the Woodson renovation, she acknowledged that there is an overwhelming need for facilities within the county and a bonding limit that doesn’t meet everyone’s needs. She said the reality is the Woodson project will start in 2006.
- Kevin Snead said there will be five new additions to the school as well as a 2,000-seat auditorium (the largest in the county). During construction, the students will be moved out of the building and into trailers and some activities will be moved to other areas.
- Questions were raised regarding overcrowding and capacity issues. Mr. Snead said it is hard to predict what the number of students will be in the future and that they are merely renovating—not expanding—the school.

The following **Committee Reports** were filed:

**Basketball:** Laura Mead reported that basketball is over, and it was a great season. There will be a game on April 22 between the faculty and the coaches/assistant coaches.

**Carnival:** Laura said the carnival was a great day. The final expenses will be ready by next month

**Kids Care Club:** Jennifer Cooper said they are still selling the Tsunami Bands, but they are looking for other schools who may be interested in purchasing them as Mantua is saturated. She also noted that the Raccoon Run will be held on May 14.

**Hospitality:** Chris Purcell described this year’s Teacher Appreciation lunch which will include an extensive salad bar. She also noted that snacks and drinks are needed for the May and June PTA meetings.

### **Motions Carried**

A motion carried to approve the minutes of March 2, 2005.

A motion carried to approve the formation of the Nominating Committee for next year's PTA Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Nancy Robinson  
Secretary