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Notes of the Mantua PTA
June 1, 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, Cheryl May, and Nancy Robinson.*

School Representatives: *Jan-Marie Fernandez, Tina Tingler, Cheryl Thompson, and Janet Sottolano.*

Board Members: *Lauren Brandman, Jennifer Cooper, Donna Yudkin, Beth Whitehead, Maragarita Brown, and Patti Pratusch.*

General Membership: *Melinda Burroughs, Rene Pana-Cryan, and Donna McGrath.*

Nancy Robinson made a **motion** that the minutes of the May 4, 2005 meeting be approved. Donna Yudkin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl May distributed the Income Statement for the eleven months ending May 31, 2005. She noted that we finished the year better than we projected, with a balance of \$24,000 in the checking account. Because of the additional income, she made some recommendations for next year's budget:

- Cheryl May made a **motion** to increase the Mentor Works program budget to \$375 to cover end of year expenses. Melinda Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Cheryl May also made a **motion** to encumber the \$4,600 made by this year's Basketball program to fund next year's program. Donna McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Cheryl Thompson noted that we didn't do anything for the custodians during Custodial Week. Cheryl May responded that the \$450 in the custodial fund was not used. Beth Whitehead made a **motion** to expend \$450 on the custodians in a manner the principals deem appropriate. Melinda Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Cheryl May made a **motion** to encumber \$620 for next year's budget for the After School/ASL program. Donna McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Cheryl May made a motion to encumber funds to next year's Math Happenings program. However, questions were raised about what funding was exactly needed, so the motion was dropped. Cheryl will meet with Randi Kirkland to understand better what she needs.

The agenda was interrupted to allow for the following **New Business** presentations:

- John McAdams discussed his proposed Boy Scout Eagle project in which he plans to clear out the thorn bushes along the playground back fence and plant hedge rows instead. He said this plan eliminates possible injury to students and may also stop students from teasing the horses on the other side of the fence. He is asking for \$500 to \$600 to cover the cost of the plants.
- Jimmy Saterfield discussed his proposed Boy Scout Eagle project in which he plans clean out dead bushes and plant new plants and rose bushes around the flagpole at the front of the building. He is asking for \$200 to cover the cost of the plants.

Beth Whitehead made a **motion** to increase the landscaping and beautification budget expense to \$2,000 to cover these landscaping projects. Lauren Brandman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Cheryl Thompson remarked that they would like someone to work on raising the profile of the front of the school with additional landscaping and beautification as we get so many visitors to the school. John Jennison noted that a landscaping committee may need to be formed to help with these issues.

John Jennison made the following announcements:

- The annual MCA Parade and Picnic is being held on June 4. Cheryl Thompson will be DJ at this event.
- The PTA newsletter deadline is this week.

Mrs. Fernandez made the **Principals' Report**:

- SOL testing finished today. Preliminary results on the 5th grade writing test show outstanding results.
- Cheryl Thompson was nominated for the Outstanding Support Service award. There will be a reception on June 9.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be on June 13. Childcare will be available.
- June 24 is the last day of school with early release. June 23 is the 6th grade party.
- Governor Mark Warner will visit the school on June 16 to present the Governor's Gold Award for Physical Fitness and Nutrition. School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner will present the award to the PTA. John Jennison and Rob Mead will accept the award on behalf of the PTA. This award recognizes the 35th anniversary of the basketball program, as well as our overall physical education program and lunchroom nutrition program.
- The 3rd grade team has been receiving professional development on compacted math. This program targets teaching two grades of math in one year.
- On June 26 Jan-Marie will begin a fellowship in Italy with five other principals with Italian foreign language programs in their schools. For 12 days, the principals will live and breathe Italian language, culture, and food.

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

- She and her teams are busy getting ready for next year.

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

- The 6th grade musical and art show is coming up and should be quite professional.
- Field Day is June 7, 8, and 9.
- The 5th and 6th grade chorus will perform.
- The TC play was held.
- SCA installations are planned.
- They received the new Rocky Raccoon costume.

The following **Committee Reports** were filed:

Field Day: Margarita Brown reported that she is still looking for parent volunteers for at least half of the classes. She will go directly to those teachers to ask for volunteers.

Old Business

Nominations: Nancy Robinson made a **motion** to elect the slate for next year's PTA Board. They include: Mary Jo Kavjian (President), Donna Yudkin (1st Vice President), Cheryl May (Treasurer), Carole Thomas (2nd Vice President), and Elizabeth Wasserman/Cherie Curry (Co-Secretaries). Lauren Brandman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John asked the new board members to write up a bio for the upcoming newsletter. He also said a combined Executive Board meeting will be held later this month.

New Business

- **Whom We Serve—Success by Eight:** Janet Sottolano made a presentation about the K-2 "Success by Eight" program. Highlights of this program include a three-year cycle for science and social studies; frequent reading and writing assessments; flexible groupings for math, reading, and spelling; and learning stations.
- **National Night Out:** John Jennison said the Mantua community will be participating in the National Night Out campaign to be held on August 2.

Motions Carried

A motion carried to approve the minutes of May 4, 2005.

A motion carried to increase the Mentor Works program budget to \$375 to cover end of year expenses.

A motion carried to encumber the \$4,600 made by this year's Basketball program to fund next year's program.

A motion carried to expend \$450 on the custodians in a manner the principals deem appropriate.

A motion carried to encumber \$620 for next year's budget for the After School/ASL program.

A motion carried to increase the landscaping and beautification budget to \$2,000 to cover landscaping project.

A motion carried to elect the slate for next year's PTA Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Nancy Robinson
Secretary