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Notes of the Mantua PTA
March 1, 2006
Mantua Elementary School

The president called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present at the meeting were:

Executive Board: *Mary Jo Kavjian, Donna Yudkin and, Cherie Curry*

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

Board Members: *Laure Mead, Loren Brandman, Patti Pratuch, Randi Kirkland and Donna McGrath*

General Membership: *Carolyn McCloskey, Marybeth Abell, Rene Pana-Cryan*

Minutes were distributed via email for January. No vote to approve minutes made.

Mary Jo Kavjian distributed the PTA Income Statement for the eight months ended February 28, 2006.

MaryJo Kavjian made the PTA **President's Report:**

- Mantua has 2 state participants in the Reflections Program.

Mrs. Fernandez made the **Principal's Report:**

- 11 teachers from France visited the school, Christine Poirier helped with interpreting.
- March 7th & 8th are SOL testing days for 5th grade writing.
- The Duplex for band, strings and general education music has arrived. It will replace two trailers
- The Mali celebration for k-2 will be held March 24th, a grant is allowing African Dancers to perform.
- Literacy and Heritage night is scheduled for March 30, 2006.
- Grant from Galludet is ending this summer, the administration will be writing another one and will request that Mantua be a video conferencing site with Masters' programs across the country.
- The Carnival is scheduled for March 25th, the school is covering the cost of the custodians.

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

- The Total Communication will have their last meeting March 22nd, the program has been very popular.
- The school has been awarded 3 video phones; we are waiting for dedicated cable lines to be installed for the phones.

Ms. Sottolano made the following **Announcement**:

- Wear p.j.'s to school day is March 2nd.
- 5th graders should get a good breakfast and lots of rest for SOLs.

Donna Yudkin made the following Announcement:

- There will be a Parent Education Seminar on March 9th, 2006 titled "Let's Play."

The following **Committee Reports** were filed:

Kids Care Club – the Talent show earned \$1,400, we will need to find a new stage director to continue the Talent show. KCC is now working on the Raccoon Run and will meet March 23rd.

Old Business

None

New Business

Laura Mead presented on the Woodson Renovations. The actual renovations should start by September, they have removed most trees except for 2 in the front. They will be working east to west. They are expecting to have 30-35 trailers in the front of the school. Send letters to your school board rep and Gerry Connolly or via the Woodson website.

Vote on Nominating Committee, Cheryl May (Treasurer) and Carole Thomas (Membership and Second Vice President) will be leaving the Board.

Motions Carried

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman
Co-Secretaries