

PTA Board Meeting Notes
May 5, 2010
Mantua Elementary School

The president called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Present at the meeting were:

Executive Board: Nicole Armstrong, Lori Prendergast, Amy Ivey, Julie Lifland, Teresa Willebeek-LeMair, Monica Cameron

School Representatives: Ms. Cheryl Thompson

General Membership: Shannon Murphy, Christie Choi, Jackie Descisciolo

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved with one revision to input the correct date of April 7.

Presidents Report: The By-Laws have been approved and are good until March 3, 2015. Teresa Willebeek-LeMair won the Nova District Volunteer of the Year award and her application will now go to the state. Nell Hurley from the Woodson HS PTSO contacted Nicole regarding the Annandale boundary re-alignment discussions letting her know they are looking for people to attend the meetings. Nicole attended the Superintendents Advisory meeting. The school board is considering cell phone towers at elementary schools. The board is very sensitive to what the schools and communities want and Dr. Dale understands there are still concerns about the safety of cell towers. Dr. Dale further noted that research has shown no harm from cell towers. The benefit is that there would be considerable monies given to the school. The School Board is still considering this project so there is nothing for to act on right now.

Treasurer's Report: The PTA is done with income with the exception of one more restaurant and possibly some other minor items. We will still have a yearbook and teacher luncheon to expense. Julie asked if the Author's Conference was still happening and Mrs. Thompson answered that they would like to but time was an issue. A lot of the expenses are under budget which is good for the bottom line. Nicole asked what the process is for designating extra funds. Julie responded that you just need to submit receipts and also noted that the wish list should be updated so we can use any extra funds to tackle those items. Mrs. Thompson added that one thing they are really working toward is having a smart board in every classroom.

Principals Report: Jan-Marie Fernandez and Tina Tingler are attending teacher-of-the-year dinner with Kathy McCabe, the school's nominee. Testing will occur in each class at some point during May and has been thoroughly communicated to all parents. The Raccoon Run is this Saturday. The PE Department does a lot of behind-the-scenes work to bring in health-related booths at the run. The Band concert is June 1, the Choral Concert is June 7, and June 14 is the sixth grade musical. Fifth grade AAP will be doing Shakespeare June 21. The basket-ball game against Baileys will be held at Jeb Stuart HS June 4 at 7pm. A pep rally will be held at 2:30 that afternoon. Tickets will be sold during the week for \$2 and \$5 at the door.

Report of First Co-Vice-Presidents for Community Outreach: The Art Reflections program is done and all art has been returned to those that submitted work. Certificates were also handed out and everyone got a ribbon along with a certificate of participation. Mrs. Thompson noted that while Reflections is a wonderful program it is not advertised very well. Jackie DeScisciolo noted that she submitted items for Morning News and Alert News which did not run. She added that only one flyer went out and more than one is really needed. The theme for next year has already been chosen, titled 'Together We Can'. Nicole stated that if Jackie will email her some pictures of the artwork, that Nicole will post them on the Mantua PTA site and in the Alert News. It was added that Alert News could send out ideas/information about the program during the summer. The FLEX Sign Language and French programs are going well. Three parents

have expressed interest in teaching Spanish this fall and they are being interviewed. The Raccoon Run online registration was translated into foreign languages.

Report of Second Vice-President for Membership and Fundraising: Christie Choi noted the Box Tops contest is going very well and the deadline is June 4. Christie's goal for next year is to hit \$1500 to try pay for a Smart Board. The Volunteer Social is May 14 from 8:55-10AM. Teacher Appreciation Week is this week culminating with the luncheon on Friday. The next big event is Field Day. Chairs are still needed for quite a few positions: Auction, Spirit Wear, Directory, Yearbook, talent show, drama, MentorWorks. It was noted that the MentorWorks position is solely responsible for putting together three events. It was suggested that the name be changed to MentorWorks Event Planner or something similar to ensure it doesn't sound too over-whelming. The PTA is also in need of a Treasurer.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm