

**Notes of the Mantua PTA
April 5, 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, Cheryl May and Cherie Curry*

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

Board Members: *Peter Brandman, John Jennison*

General Membership: *Andrea Maines, Maggie Weddell*

Minutes were distributed for February and March 2006.

Cheryl May distributed the PTA Income Statement for the nine months ended March 31, 2006.

There was a presentation by Jacob Bierele; the PTA received a plaque with the Boy Scout Charter for continuously sponsoring Troop 1533 for 39 years. Mrs. Fernandez will determine where to hang the plaque.

Andrea Maines provided a landscaping plan presentation. She proposed replanting plants, benches for the front entrance and decorative pots in the front entrance. Cheryl Thompson suggested investing the kids in the planting with guidance.

Cheryl May made a motion to increase the budget from \$2,000 to \$8,000 to begin front entrance beautification proposal 2 which includes decorative pots and benches. Maggie Weddell seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Donna Yudkin made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 2006 PTA meeting. John Jennison seconded. The motion carried.

Donna Yudkin made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 2006 PTA meeting. Cheryl May seconded. The motion carried.

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

- A \$25 donation was requested by Jennifer Cooper to the Woodson Community Coalition for the Internet Safety Presentation.

The Heritage & Literacy Night was very impressive and great fun; unfortunately it was the same night as the Providence District Dialogue. Phil Niedzielski-Eichner would like to set up a night for Mantua E.S., since we didn't have participation.

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

- The African Dancers for the Mali Celebration for K-2's performed. This performance was funded by a grant from the Washington Post.
- The County Grant application was finished. Our administration along with Little Run and Wakefield Elementary worked on grant for teacher/leader development. \$1.5 million is allocated for this projection.

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

- The Total Communication Play was today. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade performed. The performances were video taped. TC also presented the school with a thank you letter.
- The administration is continuing to work on including/welcoming other cultures as represented at Literacy/Heritage Night

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

- Family Life Education has started.
- BART testing is finished.
- The modular classrooms will be ready by August 2006. They will include 8 classrooms, a conference room, staff bathroom and 2 teacher workrooms. The Quad will be staying also, all trailers will be removed.

Peter Brandman made the following **Announcement**:

- There is new webmaster for the PTA website. Loan Pham.

The following committee announcement was made:

Hospitality

- The teacher appreciation luncheon is scheduled for May 12th.
- The Raccoon Run is scheduled for May 13th.
- The office administrative assistant lunch is scheduled for April 26th.
- May 22nd-26th is Educational Bosses' week.

Old Business

Lois Urbanek has agreed to participate on the Nominating Committee.

New Business

None

Motions Carried

Adoption of Minutes for February and March 2006 PTA meetings.
Motion to adopt Beautification Proposal 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Cherie Curry and Elizabeth Wasserman
Co-Secretaries