

PTA General Meeting

May 10, 2012

Mantua Elementary School

The president called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Present at the meeting were:

**Executive Board:** Lesley Kowalski, Jennifer Epley, Shannon Murphy, Lori Recher, Lori Prendergast

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

**General Membership:** Teresa Willebeek-LeMair, Christie Choi, Margaret Scheele

The Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

**President's Report:** Lesley reported on the date change of our last meeting - June 12. The National PTA will present the Phoebe Apperson-Hearst Award. We'll be serving pizza and drinks in honor of our last meeting of the 2011-2012 school year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lesley gave Sandy's report. The Greenhawks Basketball Game brought in (approximately) \$2000. It was a great event - special thanks to Cheryl, Teresa, Jennifer and Meri Farling for organizing. We would consider doing a similar event every 2-3 years. The June meeting will include the vote on the budget surplus for the end of the year.

**Principals' Report:** The Band concert was Tuesday night - the kids did a great job. This past Saturday was the Bike Rodeo. It was lightly attended, but very nice. Kindergarten Orientation was Monday afternoon. We already have a large number of Kindergarteners registered. AAP Orientation was the Monday before. This is an *extremely* large group. Tomorrow the 6<sup>th</sup> grade heads to Gettysburg. Saturday is the Raccoon Run. Monday is the Teacher Luncheon. We have Chorus and Strings concerts coming up. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade finished Global Awareness today. Tomorrow morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is performing their play.

Jan-Marie addressed the gastrointestinal illness that seems to be going through the school. Teresa asked if there are any additional precautions that parents should be doing. The custodians are doing complete Clorox cleanings for the effected classrooms, daily. The School Nurse is monitoring and reporting to the CDC. We are not close to critical numbers, and Jan-Marie reviews the data daily as well.

Cheryl reported that the SOL testing starts Monday and runs until June 1, with 2 sessions a day.

Tina reported that some children from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program went to the White House on a field trip with Ms. Tingler and Mr. Collins. They took the Metro, and generally had a nice time. The after-school program is finishing up. Some of the Woodson student-volunteers for the after-school program are

former Mantua students. The kids are always excited for the after school program, and Tina said the amount budgeted for the program is sufficient.

**Report of First Vice-President for Community Outreach:** Lori reported that the Girls on the Run club finishes up next Sunday with their 5k.

**Report of Second Vice-Presidents for Membership and Fundraising:** Jennifer indicated that due to the success of the Basketball event, we'll be looking towards events that can involve the whole community. The last restaurant night at Chick-Fil-A was well attended.

**Report of the Volunteer Coordinator:** Teresa reminded us of the remaining events, which all need additional volunteers: Field Days, End of Year parties, the BBQ, and the Teacher Luncheon.

**Old Business:** There was no Old business.

**New Business:** Lori P. presented the slate for the upcoming election on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

Lesley Kowalski - President

VP1 for Community Outreach - Teresa LeMair

Co-VP2 for Fundraising & Membership - Jennifer Epley and Shannon Murphy

Treasurer - Carolyn Stephan

Secretary - Julie Middleton

There are still open committee chair positions if anyone is interested.

**The Fungi Award:** This month's award winners are the retiring PTA Board members: Lori Prendergast, Lori Recher and Sandy Spector.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22.