

**PTA General Meeting Notes
June 12, 2014
Mantua Elementary School**

The president called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Executive Board: Meri Farling, Teresa LeMair, Carolyn Stephan, Julie Middleton

School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez. Tina Tingler and Amy Alley

General Membership: Kathy Phillips, Lisa Libby, Amy Halstead, Aaron Wilson, Jackie Cranford, Shannon Murphy, Lesley Kowalski

Vote: The minutes from the May 2014 meeting were reviewed and adopted by the membership as amended.

President's Report (Teresa Lemair): There is not too much to report as we are in the last few weeks of school. There is an active discussion about getting rid of early release Mondays next school year. There is a work session on June 16th at 4 p.m. which is open to the public. On June 26th, the Board will vote on the master calendar for the next school year, which will be broadcast live on Apple 21. Changing early release Mondays is supported by Dr. Garza, FCPS Superintendent.

Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Stephan): On-line donations have tripled since last year, in part due to the ability to donate on-line through Member Planet. The first Mantua Homes Tour brought in over \$3,000 and netted \$2,445 for the PTA. We'll hear more about this from Sharon Schechtel later on. Any committee member that needs reimbursement from the PTA, must request it ASAP as we are getting ready to close our books for the fiscal year end of June.

Principals' Report (Mrs. Fernandez) We have a lot going on leading up to the end of the year. On June 5th, Mantua received the Educational Excellence Award from the State of Virginia. The new SCA officers were announced on June 6th. For the first time we had a tie for President and Treasurer. June 9th was a busy day—we had a staff meeting to say good-bye to the deaf program and announced that Ms. Tingler will be moving to Camelot to be an Assistant Principal. June 9th was also the day of the 6th grade musical. We just concluded Field Days and those are always a lot of fun. We are promoting "Laugh More Stress Less" week by fun activities like Stop, Drop and Dance at the end of the day.

Kathy Phillips asked for an update on Activate. Kids are taking the post-assessment this week. If any kids have missed any of the 4 assessments, they will redo. There have been some glitches on the implementation side. We will continue this pilot program for the next 2 years.

Upcoming Events-

June 14th- TC 40th Anniversary celebration Picnic
June 19th- Patrol and GMM Parties
June 20th- 6th Grade awards ceremony and party
June 25th- Last day of school- 11:40 a.m. release.

Mrs. Tingler gave thanks for the wonderful 12 years she has spent at Mantua.

Testing Report (Ms. Alley) The last two SOL make-up tests were finished today so we are all done! The final Progress Report will include preliminary SOL scores for grades 3rd -6th. The State will mail the official scores home in August.

Report of First Vice-President for Programs (Teresa LeMair): Lisa Libby and Teresa met with Rebecca, who ran this year's drama club, about drama club for next year. We have put out a survey to drama club participants to help decide on whether to do a musical, a play or a night of one acts, as well as a couple of other details. The Drama Club next year will be organized just like this year.

Thanks to all of the parents that helped with Field Days this year.

The PTA still has many Open Chair positions: Academic Competitions, Community Building Network, FLEX, Kids Care Club, Chess Club Liaison, Drama Club Liaison, Mentor Works, Auction & Spring Fling.

Report of Second Vice-President for Fundraising & Membership (Meri Farling):

The first annual Mantua Homes Tour was success. Sharon Schechtel did a fabulous job putting this together. Sharon spoke about the very positive feedback she received for the event. Here are some specifics on the event:

- Net income was \$2445
- 57 registrants
- 4 homes sponsored at \$250 each
- 7 full-page ads sold for the Home Tour Booklet
- Expenses were \$599 though they will likely be higher next year
- Plan to hold the homes tour on June 7, 2015 and coordinate more closely with the Mantua Picnic and Parade

We will have a new Fall Fundraiser called Boosterthon. The focus will be on health, character building, teamwork and supporting one another. The Boosterthon company comes in for a week to promote the program directly to the kids (September 15-24th). The programs ends with a fun run in school during the school day on September 24. Kids may collect pledges per lap or ask for donations. All kids will participate whether they get donations or not. Amy Ally introduced this to our school. We are hoping that this will become our largest fundraiser of the year.

Old Business: The PTA has raised an excess of \$15,500 for the year. As a result, at the May PTA meeting, and in the Alert News between May and June, it was announced that we would vote at this June meeting on how to use the money for our school. The deadline given for input/ideas on how the money should be spent has passed, no additional ideas were given. As a result, Mrs. Fernandez has put forth a “Principal’s Wish List”. We had discussion and voted on the Principal’s Wish List, which includes:

1. \$2512- Smart TV for the front lobby that will broadcast events, announcements and updates. It would also display Good Morning Mantua and other items we would want to share with visitors and parents. The estimated cost is

- \$1550 for labor-FCPS
- \$639- Smart TV
- \$63- Wall Bracket
- \$300- channel 12 card and setup if given permission

2. \$10,000- 20 Ipads (2 carts of 10 Ipads)- Teachers will use Ipads with their Smartboards, to improve mobility, show videoclips, and many other strategies.

3. \$3,000- Updated Classroom Libraries for grades 3rd-6th. The lower grades (K-2) have received donations from FCPS Cluster 3 and a parent to update their libraries.

There was a motion to purchase these items as listed and voted unanimously to do so.

Thanks to the nominating committee for putting forth a new slate of PTA Board members for next year. The floor was opened for new nominations, of which there were none. The PTA voted and approved the following people to be the Executive Board for 2014-15:

President- Julie Middleton

Co-VP 1- Programs & Membership- Lisa Libby & Ellen Lemieux

VP 2- Fundraising- Meri Farling

Secretary- Teresa LeMair

Treasurer- Nicole Willis

New Business: Mrs. Fernandez announced that it appears that we will be getting a second General Education Assistant Principal. We are likely not going to be interviewing as we will be receiving someone who has been de-staffed and is entitled to another job in the county.

We are losing, some temporarily, many employees and teachers next year—Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Kepler, Mrs. Read, and Mr. Martinelli. We recognized them at the staff luncheon not too long ago.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.