

MINUTES

General PTA Membership Meeting

October 19, 2017

Mantua Elementary School

I. The meeting was called to order by Sam Leiber at 7:14 pm.

Executive Board and Membership Attendees: Sam Leiber, Nicole Willis, Terri Radziewski, Dawn Keene, Trina Rasmussen, Helen Keil-Losen, Ali Akermann, Kristina Clarke, Kathy Phillips, Eva Orlovski, Daya Kugarajah, Chris Rossomondo

Administration and School Representatives: Jan-Marie Fernandez, Amy Alley

II. Adoption of September 2017 Minutes

III. Reports

-President's Report

Sam Leiber

1. Yearbook

- Using Jostens but have had trouble getting on their website
- Jessie Leiber has volunteered to do the yearbook layout
- Have considered having a photography club rather than yearbook club
- Need a theme for this year, may have 5th and 6th graders come up with options
- Need someone to market the yearbook
- Something regarding yearbook will be announced in the next couple of weeks

2. National PTA of Excellence Program

Begins with a survey of our community to determine how our members feel we are serving the school. Based on the survey results, we are sent a plan on how to improve. As of now, it looks as though we meet a lot of requirements. In the spirit of continual improvement, it would be a good tool to gauge how things are going. Sam will look into it further.

3. Airplanes

A neighbor of the school asked about airplane routes. Apparently, flight patterns have changed and there has been an increased number of planes flying right above the school. Sam brought this up to see if others are concerned. He is going to do a little more research.

Budget Numbers Since Last Meeting, September 8, 2017

Fundraisers

- Sponsorships/Directory - \$569.12
- Donations – nearly \$2000 more dollars in donations
- Fundraising Partnerships - \$4.25 from Label Daddy; About \$66 more from the Amazon Click-Through program
- Ice Cream Social Income \$4266.00 and Expenses \$1642.02 for a profit of \$2623.98
- Fall Fundraiser/Run for Rocky – Income \$776.47 and Expenses \$5516.76 so far for t-shirts and prizes. More funds are coming in every day.
- Yearbook - \$310 deposited in July from additional purchases in the front office

Hospitality & Appreciation

- Custodian Appreciation \$390.00
- Welcome Back Teacher Breakfast \$36.04 under Meetings & Hospitality

Member Dues

- A little over \$3500 more for a total of \$5180.28

Programs & Events

- Enrichment \$823.65 Income
- Basketball \$12822.24 Income
- Chat 'n' Chew \$2485.00 Income, \$1100.36 Expenses for books
- Drama Club \$8776.32 Income
- Kids Care Club \$555.00 Income
- Raccoon Runners \$4111.84 Income, \$46.88 Expenses for snacks
- Garden & Landscaping Expenses \$168.75
- Parent Education Expenses \$250.00 for the speaker
- Take Home Reading Expenses \$455 for folders

Teacher's Fund Expense

- \$7620.00 for the Teacher Welcome Checks for Supplies Funding – this is \$520 over the budgeted \$7100.00 due to the fact that there are more checks this year and some were higher check amounts based upon the full-time vs. part-time hours worked by these staff members. Because the amount is greater than \$300, we will need to vote to raise the budget amount.

Supplies – EXPENSES

- \$545.40 for 20 cases of paper (each year we buy the school 10 cases to offset all of the copies the PTA goes through during the school year – and we neglected to purchase the 10 cases last school year.)

Website – EXPENSES

- \$180 for MemberPlanet's Annual Renewal fee

-Principals' Report

Jan-Marie Fernandez

Since last meeting:

- Ice Cream & Pizza Social
- Back-to-School Nights
- Woodson Feeder Night
- Take Home Reading training
- Custodian Appreciation Week
- 3rd grade visit to Hidden Pond
- 5th grade meeting regarding upcoming trip to Camp Highroad
- Parent Education Session
- School Board meeting last Thursday where Mantua ES was congratulated on its Excellence Award from the State of Virginia regarding SOL scores
- Trading Card Night
- Fall Picture Day
- Family 3 visit to Burke Nursery

Upcoming Events:

October 20 th :	Library Parent Volunteer meeting
October 20 th :	Run for Rocky Fundraiser Kick Off
October 23 rd -27 th :	Spirit Week
October 23 rd :	BBQ Lunch
October 23 rd -25 th :	6 th grade visit to National Portrait Gallery
October 25 th :	Parent Preview of FLE Program @ 6pm
October 27 th :	Run for Rocky in AM & Spirit Parade in the PM
November 2 nd :	4 th grade visit to Colonial Williamsburg
November 3 rd :	2-hour early release
November 9 th -10 th :	5 th grade visit to Camp Highroad
November 13 th -17 th :	Book Fair
November 13 th -21 st :	Food Drive
November 15 th :	Thanksgiving Luncheon K-3
November 16 th :	Thanksgiving Luncheon 4-6
November 16 th :	5 th and 6 th grade Human Growth & Development Preview @ 6pm

-Assistant Principal

Amy Alley

All Universal Screening will be done by the end of the week. Teachers will be sharing results at Conferences.

CogATs will be finished tomorrow. This is given to every 2nd grade student and students in 3rd-6th grade who do not have a CogAT score on file.

Naglieri Testing will begin in November. This is a Nonverbal Abilities Test.

-1st Vice President for Programs

Dawn Keene

We had our first **Parent Education Session** recently. Thank you to the PTA for paying for the speaker. The next couple of Parent Education Sessions will be conducted by counseling staff. A link will be sent out to determine what topics people want.

We have 80 kids signed up for **Chat'n'Chew**. There will be a few groups per grade. We should be starting up at the end of November. Books will go out in the next couple of weeks.

Librarians will be sending out signup sheets to teachers for the upcoming **Book Fair**. We will need volunteers. We will do a book drive for Texas Fort Bend Independent School District in Houston.

-2nd Vice President for Fundraising/Membership

Terri Radziewski

Run For Rocky is next Friday, October 27th. Our goal is the same as last year's of \$40K.

Our first **Restaurant Night** is coming up in early November and will be held at Kai10 Sushi. It will be an all-day fundraiser in which you get credit with a flyer.

We are looking at bringing back **School Supply Kits**. A parent volunteer has been reviewing a lot of companies. We will look at the date and hope to roll out in the spring to order online.

We still need volunteers for **Spring Fling**.

The National PTA has partnered with Chrysler in a program called **Cars For Classrooms**. A local Chrysler dealer brings in a vehicle and donates \$10 for each parent that does a test drive. Might be something to consider.

FCC PTA Update:

The Whole Foods fundraiser raised \$28,500 for FCC PTA. From these funds, \$3,000 being set aside as grant for local PTAs although they haven't yet determined how it will be distributed.

FCC PTA is going to do an Advocacy Day. Bring local representatives together to do break out sessions. Think this will be December 4th.

Terri sits on the AAP Advisory Committee for FCC PTA. This committee is charged with the Young Scholars Program that looks at underrepresented children, kids who are generally pointed out by teachers.

Terri also sits on the Calendar Committee for FCPS. There is a radical calendar proposal on the table but not yet finalized. The committee has representation from all parts of the district – administrators, teachers, parents... Has to get passed by the school board.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

Motion passed to increase Teacher Welcome Checks.

Date for next PTA meeting has been changed to Friday, December 8th @ 9:30am in cafeteria.

Wish Fund is now open. Accepting applications now through the deadline of October 27th @ 5pm. The application can be found online @ mantuapta.org under Programs & Events. Questions can be directed to Kristina or Julie at wishfund@mantuapta.org. We will vote on recommendations at next PTA meeting on December 8th.

Question from parent regarding dismissal. Some busses still getting students home very late. Amy Alley will look into this issue.

Alert News might be changing to Choose Your News to adopt format desired by school board.

Go vote in November for the school bonds initiative on the ballot.

VI. Announcements

Check out www.mantuapta.org and the AlertNews for more information on what is happening at Mantua

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.