

**Manual PTSA Minutes**  
**February 17, 2016**  
**8:30 am Manual Senior Cafeteria**

**Attending: Delene Taylor, Molly Wingfield, Judith Bradley, Randy Wieck, Trish Kline, Vidya Ravichandran, Pinky Jackson, Jane Crady, Shannon Evans, Barbara Coffield, Jerry Mayes, Peggy Loy, Lisa Hamilton, Barbara Wainwright, Gloria Manimuthu**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 8:30 am**

**INSPIRATION** – We have strong traditions at Manual in part due to our infrastructure. We need to continue to consider whether these traditions strengthen us as they are or should they be used as a foundation for changes that may be needed.

**REPORTS FROM GUESTS**

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE** – Jerry Mayes [gerald.mayes@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:gerald.mayes@jefferson.kyschools.us)

- Looking forward to Founders' Day
- Reviewed budget issues. JCPS is asking for a \$37,000 reduction in operating expenses; \$123,000 from an add-on menu that includes teaching positions; and \$4000 in GAP Section 7 spending. Mr. Mayes, along with Ballard and Male principals, will meet with Tom Hudson of JCPS tomorrow to propose removing teachers from the add-on menu.
- Amy Medley is writing an application for a grant to fund a mental health position
- Staff did a great job handling the recent loss of a student
- Testing season is beginning
- Seven nationally ranked debaters
- Many Scholastic Gold Key winners for visual arts
- Mr. Mayes asked for additional information from Vidya Ravichandran concerning a possible grant to fund a "maker-space" at Manual
- Encouraged attendees to step up to fill the open board positions for next year especially the President's position. He promised to work cooperatively with them.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Randy Wieck, Manual Teacher and co-founder TRELf, a 501.c.3 non-profit** ([rwieck@hotmail.com](mailto:rwieck@hotmail.com))

Here's a short introduction before I speak briefly with you on Wednesday. This is a profile of me by my students: <http://www.manualredeye.com/2016/02/09/profile-dr-wieck/>

Budget cuts discussed by Mr. Mayes are the result of a 4.5% state reduction this year, to be followed by 9% cuts each of the next two years - because of KY's pension crisis which TRELf has been addressing for nearly three years. Superintendent Hargens this week (2/21) sent a global email to all teachers and parents about the cuts, asking the education community to contact legislators and to speak against them. TRELf believes we cannot simply cut our way out of this crisis. The courts must guide the legislature back to following the pension funding

laws already a part of Kentucky Revised Statutes and which have not been followed for nearly 10 years. This avoidance of the law should be of concern to the entire PTSA organization.

- Information was shared about the efforts of TREL (Teacher Retirement Legal Fund) to use the court system to force the KY legislature to fully fund the teacher retirement fund: other states (Illinois, New Jersey, Rhode Island) have successfully engaged the courts in the teacher pension crisis. KTRS declines by \$4 million/day or \$1.3 billion annually. KTRS currently stands at 37% funding, 37 cents on the dollar. Those in attendance were asked to consider helping to fund the cost of bringing the case before the courts as occurred in the 1989 Rose v. Council case, which reformed budgeting for all of Kentucky public schools. [www.KENTUCKYTEACHERRETIREMENT.WEEBLY.COM](http://www.KENTUCKYTEACHERRETIREMENT.WEEBLY.COM) click on GOFUNDME to make a tax deductible contribution. Donations can be anonymous.

**SBDM (Site Based Decision Making)** - Tracy Shah [shahmom3@gmail.com](mailto:shahmom3@gmail.com)

Shannon Evans [sme02@bellsouth.net](mailto:sme02@bellsouth.net)

- The SBDM Board had our meeting on February 3, 2016.
- Mr. Applegate requested club approval for, "The After School Music Club". This club will be held once a week or possibly once every two weeks. They will meet after school in Mr. Applegate's class, room 306 or if nice outside, in the courtyard. It will be open to all students who just want to hang out and have jam sessions. The board voted and approved this club unanimously.
- Manual currently collects a \$20.00 class fee for all PE students. It covers a locker and a t-shirt. This fee will now be written into SBDM policy regarding fees collected. The board agrees the fee is needed and to add it to our formal policies.
- SBDM elections are coming up and if anyone is interested in being a parent rep, please get with a PTSA board executive or one of the current parent reps.
- Parent/Teacher conference days have been set up and will be held on March 1st and March 2nd. Mr. Mayes and administration have found a method for parents to sign up for conferences that will save Manual \$4000.00.
- The "Arts Specialization Policy", has been discussed. It was recommended to the board to change the Orchestra Course and Band Course students(both under the Instrumental Music category) to take 4 years versus 3 years. Our YPAS Instrumental teachers feel that if those students did decide to leave after 3 years, it could decimate a band/orchestra. Most students choose to take the 4 years on their own. The changes were sent to the faculty for feedback and then the board will vote on the policy.
- SBDM nominations will take place in March
- **ACTION ITEM:** Encourage people to run for open positions

**Crimson Mission-** Molly Wingfield for Sondra Wojciak [crimsonmissioninc@gmail.com](mailto:crimsonmissioninc@gmail.com)

The first ever Growing the Mission Gala is at The Frazier History Museum on March 5 is **only** 17 days away! We are very excited to honor Steve Haag, Mike McDaniel, David Zuberer, Charlie & Jenny Marsh, Glenn & Kathy Zwanzig and Dr. Beverly Keepers for their contributions and support of Manual over the years at the Gala.

- We are selling our Grand Prize Raffle tickets (sponsored by The Producers at YPAS) at Manual Home Basketball games (big game this Friday against Male!) and in the Main Office. First Prize: \$1000; Second Prize: \$500; Third Prize: five \$100 winners! Winner need not be present to win – but we hope the winner is! Must be 18 and over to play.
- Tickets are selling very well and we are excited about the Gala. It is going to be a great night of fundraising for the students at Manual! I hope everyone on PTSA joins us on March 5 at The Growing the Mission Gala! Tickets are only available online at [www.growing-the-mission-gala.eventbrite.com](http://www.growing-the-mission-gala.eventbrite.com) or at the Crimson Mission website under the “Spring Gala” tab: [www.crimsonmission.org](http://www.crimsonmission.org).

### **REPORTS FROM PTSA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### **PRESIDENT – Pinky Jackson [manualptsa@gmail.com](mailto:manualptsa@gmail.com)**

- Thank you to Trish Kline for agreeing to be Nominating Committee Chair once again!
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Visit the PTSA website to review your position description. Let Delene Taylor know if changes need to be made..
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Contact Trish Kline if you are interested in being on the nominating committee.

#### **Advocacy:**

- Processing how to respond to request that we promote JCPS: “I choose JCPS”.
- Requesting a “wish list” of tangibles and intangibles needed at Manual.
- Posted a very brief, informal survey to help inform response. If you have not yet filled one out and can take a few minutes to, that would be great:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRRB6B8>

#### **Alumni Service Corps– Tony Sweazy [tsweazy@gmail.com](mailto:tsweazy@gmail.com)**

- Tony is heading up drapery and a/v set up for Founders’ Day again - thank you!

#### **TREASURER – Gloria Manimuthu [gloria@cei-engineering.com](mailto:gloria@cei-engineering.com)**

- See attached budget report

#### **Budget Chair - Beth Brown:**

- We have had two funding requests submitted since our last vote
  - The first is for help installing an electronic sign in the carpool line. The project has been approved by the JCPS Board and we are currently awaiting JCPS's bid for the electrical work.

- The second was for a donation to Dr. Wieck's organization, TRELf, to help support a lawsuit requiring Kentucky to fully fund teacher retirement accounts. Ways and Means cannot recommend PTSA grant the request because of bylaw constraints.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP/PROGRAMS – (position open)**

**Awards** – Tanya Marquardt tanyamarquardt@icloud.com

- No report

**Beautification** - Gretchen Davis gretchenwdavis@yahoo.com

Barb Wainwright barb2k@twc.com

- No report

**Clothing Assistance Program (CAP) / Manual Community Closet (MCC) -**

Jill Jelsma jilljelsma@bellsouth.net and Becky Mosley [beckster2828@att.net](mailto:beckster2828@att.net)

- No report

**College & Career Center (CCC)** – Trish Kline tkline102@gmail.com

Kelly Seiler kelly.seiler@twc.com

- AP exam sign-up Feb 1-5, 8-12, 18, 19 in the CCC. [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/181525](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/181525)
- Drafting CCC informational flyer for College 101 night handout

**Programs (College 101)**-Amy Lapinski adlapinski@gmail.com

Punita Halder thehaldersare@gmail.com

- College 101 Night will be the evening of Wednesday, March 16th. (Snow date March 17) This is for ninth through eleventh graders and their parents
- Invitations have been sent to desired speakers.
- We will start promoting the event the week of February 22.
- There will be a special after school "Dream Big" event for ECE students and families prior to College 101. These students and families will also be encouraged to attend College 101. A WLKY cameraman will speak, employment representatives and a UL college diversity representative will be in attendance. The goal is to get GAP and ECE students and families to focus on opportunities available to them after high school.

**Project Graduation**- Jill Lauroesch@yahoo.com

- No report

**Hospitality** – Peggy Loy bloy679382@aol.com

Paula Hutchins phutch80@hotmail.com

- The Hospitality ladies are busy this month and are looking forward to Founders' Day scheduled for February 18th. Ms. Raley and her class are catering the main entrees. The Cafe is catering the salad and bread. Our wonderful volunteers are helping with dessert and with set up, serving, and clean up. If you would like to get involved, you can join the sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a44aeaa28a02-founders3/1928941>

- March 1st and 2nd are conference days from 3-6:30p.m.. Hospitality will be providing food to hold the teachers and staff over until they get dinner. Please look for sign-up for your chance to donate a food item or to come help. We appreciate all you do to help us make our events successful and fun!

**Red/White week** – Leslye Arnett llalouky@gmail.com

Missy Smith missyky@twc.com

- No report

**Reflections** – Penny DeVenuto pndevenuto@gmail.com

Carolyn Judy dcajudy@yahoo.com

- No report

**Scholarships** – Denise Mallett dmallett26@gmail.com

- No report

**Volunteer Coordinator**- Tisha Payne tishapayne@yahoo.com

- No report

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP/MEMBERSHIP – Trish Kline tkline102@gmail.com**

- Member Planet more complicated than current system of tracking members, with additional cost involved. Working with Delene to see if MP is advantageous with respect to other communication aspects of PTSA.
- Wrote up draft for Outstanding Membership Campaign Award
- Added 2 more members this month totalling 2583 members

**Magnet Liaisons**

**VA Liaison**– Leslie Fowler lesliefowler@bellsouth.net

- Manual students received 114 awards from the Scholastic Art Awards Competition. All gold key winners are on display at the KMAC Gallery on Main Street.
- The chili fundraiser money is being spent on items that are very difficult to order/purchase and too costly to ask for as a donation. Cords and batteries for laptops have been ordered by a parent through Amazon for a third to half the cost of ordering through JCPS.
- VA courtyard beautification day, Saturday, April 23 9AM (April 24 1PM rain date).
- JR/SR Va Art Museum trip to Chicago, March 4-6
- **Action Item:** With gallery and hallway renovations almost complete, teachers are looking for a parent to help research and/or source a company or individual to cover 8 - 10 wood gallery pedestals with an industrial grade matte black laminate. Pedestals are constructed of 3/4" cherry veneer covered fiberboard and need some minor gluing before they can be covered with laminate. Some money is available to cover expenses. PTSA would be willing to consider a funding request if additional funds are needed.
- A VA parent organization is in the beginning phases.

**MST Liaison**– Ann Schwartz annmerm@gmail.com

- In honor of Pi Day the Catalysts will be hosting a dessert party for all teachers and staff on March 14th. Please sign up to donate a pie!  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a48aeab28a02-piday>

- The MST science fair is on March 12. Judges and volunteers are needed. If you would like to help judge our students, please sign up at:

[https://dupontmanual.stemwizard.com/public\\_site/judge\\_register](https://dupontmanual.stemwizard.com/public_site/judge_register)

To volunteer or donate food, please sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ea9ab28aa8-dupont1/>

- Catalysts are in need of a president for next year

HSU Liaison –Jennifer Tuvlin [jbtuvlin@twc.com](mailto:jbtuvlin@twc.com)

- No report

YPAS Liaison - Lisa Hamilton [lhomanzi@aol.com](mailto:lhomanzi@aol.com)

- The Theater 1 workshop originally scheduled for Monday, February 15th at 7:30pm has been **rescheduled** for **TODAY. Wednesday, Feb 17th** at 7:30pm due to the JCPS school cancellation.
- Dance Concert will be performed for the public on February 26 & 27th at 7:30pm and again on February 28th at 2:00pm. The Dance Department will sell beautiful bouquets of flowers at the shows too! If anyone is interested in attending one of the two student matinees of the Dance Concert (Feb 24 & 25 at 10:00am) please contact [Kathleen.Kronauer@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Kathleen.Kronauer@jefferson.kyschools.us). Matinee tickets are only \$6!
  - 1999 YPAS grad and choreographer, Leslie Cuyjet, has shared some of her work with the YPAS Dance Department. They will perform her piece entitled *Right as Rain*. Leslie has worked professionally in NYC for more than ten years and thanks YPAS for this opportunity to share this work and give gratitude to the educators and artists who made it possible for her, and all past and future alumni, to create. *Right as Rain* was originally created and performed in 2003 with collaborator and friend Muffie Connelly. Together, they continue to collaborate under the name Happydog. ([www.wearehappydog.com](http://www.wearehappydog.com))
  - YPAS student Shyama Iyer has co-choreographed a work entitled *Pranay, Pranay (Romance, Romance)* with YPAS Musical Theatre Department Chair, Gail Benedict. The contemporary East Indian dance piece was inspired by the choreography of Ganesh Acharya and Saroj Khan.
  - The piece entitled *Tener Duende* not only showcases the talent of the YPAS Dance Department, but includes live music provided by guitar students!
  - You will also find a classical ballet (*Les Sylphides*) and 3 more modern dance works all choreographed by the YPAS faculty and performed by the YPAS Dance Department.
- YPAS March Music Madness begins!!!
  - Guitar Concert - March 3rd at 7pm on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
  - Piano Concert - March 4th at 7pm on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
  - Percussion Concert - March 7th at 7pm on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
  - Vocal Concert - March 7th at 7pm at YPAS, 531 E. Liberty St, 40202
  - Orchestra Chamber Concert - March 10th on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
  - Band Concert - March 15th at 7pm on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
  - Jazz Concert - March 17th at 7pm on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS

- Percussion Concert - March 22nd on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
- Tri-M Benefit Concert - March 25th on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
- Senior Piano Recital - March 30th on the Polly St. Clair Mainstage at YPAS
- New Works - If you've not had the opportunity to see anything at YPAS this is your chance to experience almost everything the YPAS students have to offer! Student written, directed, performed, choreographed, danced, and sometimes composed and performed by YPAS students! Please join us!
  - March 11 & 12 : Slate 1 & 2 will be performed
  - March 18 & 19 : Slates 3 & 4 will be performed
  - If you are interested in attending a matinee performance please contact [Kathleen.Kronauer@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Kathleen.Kronauer@jefferson.kyschools.us) to confirm seating availability.

Matinees will be performed on:

  - March 10 @ 9:30am - Slate 1
  - March 11 @ 9:30am - Slate 2
  - March 17 @ 9:30am - Slate 3
  - March 18 @ 9:30am - Slate 4
- YPAS Producer's Scholarship applications are available online at: <http://producers.ypas.org/>
- March 6, YPAS/UL Choirs will perform at the director's conference

J+C Liaison - Peggy Loy [bloy679382@aol.com](mailto:bloy679382@aol.com)

We are excited to host our first ever Trivia Night on Saturday, March 11th at 6:00 PM here at Manual Freshman cafeteria. In addition to the Trivia, we will have a Silent Auction, and provide dinner, snacks, and refreshments. More information will be coming through morning announcements. Please mark your calendars for March 12 and come join us for a fun evening of food, games, laughter, and trivia!

J&C will be going to Los Angeles in April for the Spring 2016 High School Journalism Conference. This year is the centennial of the Pulitzer Prize and several Pulitzer Prize journalists will be there to share some of their reporting, photography, and writing tips. Our students will be inspired and will have the opportunity to compete with students nationally. We hope to regain our Journalism Bowl Champion status. We are up for some outstanding awards. We are wishing our J&C teachers and students much success, learning, and fun!

We named the spring 2016 convention "It's All Here" because you can find anything and everything you want here in the entertainment capital of the world. Los Angeles is home to the second-largest broadcast market, many Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, professional sports teams, amusement parks, foods from around the world and sunny skies almost year-round.

The diversity Los Angeles offers is reflected in the range of skills student journalists possess – photography, editing, design, writing, reporting, videography – as they work to publish their newspapers, news-magazines, yearbooks, broadcast shows and news websites on a daily basis.

This year is the centennial of the Pulitzer Prize, and we have lined up several Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists to inspire you and to share some of their reporting, writing and photography tips. You also will have other opportunities to meet top-notch journalists during media tours at publications, studios and museums on Thursday and at Break with a Pro Friday morning.

Aside from the convention, attendees will enjoy perfect weather for getting out and seeing what the city has to offer. Barring any rain from El Niño, Los Angeles in April usually sees plenty of sunshine with highs of 70 degrees and lows of 50 degrees.

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel sits in the financial district of downtown Los Angeles. It is a few blocks from a Red Line Subway stop and a mile from L.A. Live, a bustling entertainment center that also houses the Grammy Museum.

We promise you'll have a great time in Los Angeles because It's All Here!

- Five or six winners of Columbia University Awards our of 4000 national entries

ECE/AEMS Liaison - Judith Bradley blueskymom2@gmail.com –

- Dream Big event on March 16
- No Barriers / College 101 event on March 16
- Best Buddies- Manual will host a friendship dance and some training activities
- Friendship walk fundraiser at Manual on April 16
- Judith will coordinate with YPAS liaison ,Lisa Hamilton, to be sure ECE has a chance to review plans for the YPAS renovations to be sure their needs are being addressed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP / WAYS & MEANS - Beth Jolly 56jolly@gmail.com**

**4<sup>th</sup> VP/COMMUNICATIONS- Delene Taylor delene07@hotmail.com**

- No report

**Digital News-** Amanda Tu

- No report

**Google Group Listserve/Calendar-**

- No report

**Photographers-** Becky Mosley, Andre Wilson, Joe Wilson

- No report

**Social Media-** Macy Shah

- No report

**Website Maintenance-** Sudha Srinivasan,Greg Schwartz

- No report

**Website Design/Dev't-** Delene Taylor

- No report

**RECORDING SECRETARY – Leslie Fowler lesliejfowler@bellsouth.net**

- No report

**Historian – Tammy Nofsinger [tasnofsinger@att.net](mailto:tasnofsinger@att.net)**

Laura Bollinger [lbollinger@x-gen.us](mailto:lbollinger@x-gen.us)

- No report



**Corresponding Secretary** - Barbara Benjamin-Coffield [barbarajbenjamin@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajbenjamin@gmail.com)

- Founders' Day is tomorrow (2/18). It looks like it will be a terrific event with several JCPS KY PTA attendees.
- Correspondence sent to family of Jalen Jacob

**PARLIMENTARIAN/SBDM ELECTIONS** – Vidya Ravichandran [vidya@glowtouch.com](mailto:vidya@glowtouch.com)

- No report

**ADJOURNMENT** : 10:32 am

**ATTACHMENTS:**

2/11/2016		
duPont Manual PTSA Budget Report 2015/2016		
	Budget 2015/2016	YTD Budget 2-11-16
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership	24,000	\$26,099.24
Clothing and Merchandise	250	\$710.49
Rebates - Balfour	-	\$893.87
Donations/Sponsorships	2,000	\$4,022.00
Grants/Donations for Programs	-	\$0.00
E-learning (Partners Funds)	4,500	\$4,725.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$30,750.00</b>	<b>\$36,450.60</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Campus Beautification	1,500	\$0.00
Community Closet	25	\$0.00
College Night Programs	250	\$0.00
College & Career Center	100	\$102.91
J & C Publications	20	\$0.00
Hospitality	1,700	\$418.08
Welcome Back (Aug)	50	\$81.96
Open House (Sept)	50	\$0.00
Conference Days (Oct/Feb)	150	\$94.51
Bus Drivers/Cafeteria (Dec)	200	\$241.61
Staff Appreciation (Dec/May)	500	\$0.00
Founders Day Luncheon (Feb)	600	\$0.00
PTSA Meetings	150	\$0.00
Red and White Week	200	\$0.00
Project Graduation	2,000	\$0.00
Scholarships	3,000	\$2,500.00
Administrative (postage, Quick Books, paper...)	300	\$243.64
Honors/Awards Founders Day	500	\$3.03
PTSA Membership Expenses	9,737	\$10,129.77
PTSA Conference Banquets/Materials	300	\$0.00
PTSA State/National Dues	8,400	\$9,033.50
PTSA District Dues	600	\$559.00
PTSA Insurance	337	\$337.00
Membership Drive Expenses	100	\$200.27
		*Includes payment to Manual Alumni 44@\$3.25=\$143
Flowers/Gifts/Memorials	150	\$0.00
Wellness & Compassion Fund	1,000	-\$92.55
Idea Fest	250	\$0.00
Advocacy	250	\$0.00
Reflections	250	\$0.00
Purchases for School/Student Programs	3,398	\$1,270.00
Purchases for School/Elearning	4,500	\$0.00
Staff Development	1,500	\$1,368.75
Bank Service Charges	120	\$171.21
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$30,750.00</b>	<b>\$16,114.84</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$20,335.76</b>

**NEXT MEETINGS**

*Our next meeting dates are:*

- March 16, 2016, 8:30am senior cafeteria and 5:30 general meeting before College 101 Night
- April 20, 8:30am senior cafeteria w/ visit to:
- May 18, 8:30am (we will discuss this setting later in year)

*Generally, Board/Committee meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (August-May) from 8:30-9:30am in PTSA room @ Manual or on the stage of the Manual auditorium. 3 general meetings are held per year, one at Open House in the auditorium (evening), a December (noontime) meeting (location TBD) and a (breakfast) meeting at 8:30 am, locations TBD. Members are encouraged to stay after 9:30am for further discussion if they are interested and their schedules allow. Meeting dates change as holidays, etc. dictate.*