

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13th, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tiffany Gershon called this meeting to order at 7:01 pm. She then led the members in attendance in the flag salute.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Tiffany Gershon thanked everyone for attending and stated that we would try to keep the meeting moving quickly as tonight was the big Giants/Eagles game. Tiffany stated she's still working on purchasing the movie screen and mascot costume. Tiffany also talked about the Brain Pop software that the PTA is trying to provide for the school since the district cut the funding. She is going to look into buying the license for each class room instead of 1 per grade level. The cost is \$2,400 but since the year already started, they may prorate it for us. Tiffany will look into it.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15th. Please note it's the 3rd Thursday due to school being closed on the 2nd Thursday.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Tiffany Gershon read Treasurer Kim Jeannette's report:

Starting Balance: \$5,047.45

Deposits Made: \$21,619.70

Checks Written: \$6,588.09

Ending Balance: \$20,379.06

Checks issued for: Block Party (DJ, Amazon gift card, T-shirts and supplies), Assemblies, Classroom Enrichment, Boo Hoo Breakfast, Membership Board, Deposit for Ice Skating Party, Purchase Mums for Mum Sale, School Trips, PTA Banner, 50/50 Tickets

Deposits Included: Membership dues paid, Mum Sales, Pencil Grams, Transfer from Gaming Account, Block Party T-Shirt Sales and Truck Rental, Magnet Sales

NEW BUSINESS:

Parents Night Out at Killarney's – 10/20 – Michelle Grunbaum - Deadline to order tickets has been extended til Monday. We have about 30 people signed up, would love to see around 50! Encourage your friends and especially new Kindergarten parents to join us for a fun night out!

Book Fair – 10/19 – 10/25 – Hillary McWhorter & Renee Tisi – beautiful decorations are up in the hallway to promote the Fair. The committee is very excited about the theme this year (Enchanted Forest – Let Your Imagination Grow!). Friday 10/19 is Teacher Preview and Wish List Day for K – 2. Monday, 10/22 is Wish List Day for 3 – 5 and Family Fun Evening from 6 – 8pm. Tuesday, 10/23 is Shopping for K – 2. Wednesday, 10/24 is Shopping for 3 – 5 and After School Shopping from 1:15 – 4pm. Thursday 10/25 is the final day to shop during school hours. Flyers are going home tomorrow. Volunteers are needed to help run the Fair, please sign up if you can! The committee will also be doing a contest, hiding gnomes around the school and having a prize of \$5 in Scholastic Money to buy books for the winner. It was discussed to have K and 1st do this as a homework assignment since they'll need help writing.

Trunk or Treat – 10/26/17 – Sandy Gallucci - Plans are underway for our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat. Cars should arrive at 6pm to set up. The committee will begin set up at 5pm. Flyers with info are going home tomorrow. The committee is meeting tonight after the PTA meeting. There is no rain date, there is too much going on at the school, so unfortunately, if there is bad weather, the event will be canceled. The DJ had a conflict so he is going to waive his fee and set everything up for us with a great playlist that we will manager. If you want to sign up to host a Trunk, send your form in right away, we are very limited in spots available! It was also discussed that we will use caution tape to section off areas to keep the kids in the correct area.

Reflections – Dawn Costantini – This is a national PTA program that highlights 5 categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music production, photography visual arts. The theme is “Heroes All Around Me”. Flyers went home with details. There was some confusion about entry forms but Dawn is available for questions. The committee is still looking for Judges for the art show. Dawn is open to any ideas for promoting the event, so please reach out to her if you have suggestions.

Barnes & Noble Night – 12/5/18 – Kristine D’Ambrosio – Theresa Timian read Kristine’s report: Kristine asked that the teachers sign up to read again as they did a wonderful job last year. Mr. Bookholt has committed to being the final reader of the night. The 3rd grade will also put on a concert again as they did last year, from 6-6:15pm, headed by Mrs. Reeves. Kristine also asked that the teachers give recommendations for each grade level so that she can have a suggestion list for the families when they are shopping the books.

Winter Dance - 12/5/18 – Kristine D’Ambrosio – Theresa Timian read Kristine’s report: The dance will be Friday, 12/14 and Kristine will reach out to committee members after Halloween.

Founders Day – 2/19/19 – Kristine D’Ambrosio – Theresa Timian read Kristine’s report: Founders Day has been confirmed for 2/19 and the band/orchestra will perform

Room Reps – Theresa Timian – Planning for the Halloween parties is under way. Bins have been purchases so that each Room Rep will just pick up a bin on the day of the party that will contain all of the food/drinks/paper goods. We are still in need of Room Reps for Mrs. Everett’s and Mrs. Noon’s classes if anyone would like to please volunteer.

Ice Skating Party – 1/14/19 – Lisa Miller – New this year! We will have a family ice skating party on January 14th. Lisa Miller volunteered to be the Chair of this committee and is looking for volunteers to help with this event.

FUNDRAISING/ COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising will continue all year.

Kid Stuff Books – Theresa Timian & Tiffany Gershon – We have 85 orders in, for 153 books sold which equals \$1,912.50 in profit for us. Some late orders have come in over the last 2 days that will be added in and then we will have a final report at the next meeting on total sales numbers.

Mum Sale – 9/17 – 9/28, pick up is 10/5 – Sandy Gallucci – We sold 296 Mums. \$846 in sales which equaled \$636 in profit for us! A special Thank You to Kindergarten parent Thomas Carlton who ordered 42 mums. A&M gave him an apple pie as an extra thank you for the very large order. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser!

Apex Run – a fun new fundraiser for this year! Kickoff will be 10/29. Apex provides fun goals and different ways for the kids to get involved and excited about the event.

Tricky Tray – 3/15/19 @ Steinert – Lori Hutchins – There will be a meeting at Lori's house on 10/24 at 7pm for anyone looking to be a party of the committee. It's a fun event and we have a lot of fun planning it as well.

TEACHERS REPORT:

Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Ferraris

- Mrs. Ferraris thanked the PTA for all of the new and refreshing events that we have had so far this year and also those coming up. She said it is really nice to see all of the new things going on. She asked that we work together for better communication since we have so many new things going on. It would help the teachers greatly to have as much info as possibly as early as possible. We talked about possibly doing a Remind app just for the teachers for PTA events or using a group email to them. Theresa Timian will work on setting something up.

- Thank you for the Anti Bullying assembly, the kids really enjoyed it

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Mr. Bookholt

- Mr. Bookholt stated that the Block Party was great and thanked the PTA for their efforts. We hope to do it every year

- Week of Respect – the week went great and the rock path looks great now with all of the new rocks in there. The Chain Link in the hall is also a great decoration.

- Thank you for the Anti Bullying assembly

- Conferences will be 10/22 – 10/26

- Apex Kickoff is 10/29 and the Run will be held on 11/14

- Halloween – will be the same as in years past, the Steinert band will play again

- Parent Visitation day during American Education week will be 11/13 from 9:30am – 10:30am

- The new ID system is up and running. A letter went home. We discussed asking parents to arrive a little early as everyone needs to be entered into the system.

- The sign for Jerome's ramp will be re-mounted in the school. Looking for somewhere to donate the ramp to also.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Book Fair – 10/19 – 10/25
- Parents Night Out – 10/20
- Tricky Tray Committee Meeting – 10/24
- Trunk or Treat – 10/26
- Barnes & Noble Night – 12/5
- Winter Dance – 12/14

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Submitted by:

Theresa Timian

Recording Secretary