

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Stacey Everett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., welcomed everyone, stated there were enough members in attendance to establish a quorum and led the flag salute. Stacey introduced guests Lisa, Johnna & Andrea to the group.

VISITOR

Jeannine Richardson – Director of Dining Services

Introduced herself and stated that she wanted us to be able to put a face with the name.

Talked about upcoming initiatives:

- Display cooking in the elementary division once every 17 days; as part of fun lunch
- Dining with the director – survey of likes/dislikes

TREASURER REPORT

Michelle stated that:

September 10 balance \$12,426.98

Receipts \$65.09

Disbursements of \$5,273.75

End balance of \$7,218.32

CORRESPONDENCE

Angie read thank you notes from 5th grade teachers thanking PTA for breakfast.

NEW BUSINESS

New Committee Chairs – Stacey told the group of new committee chairs

- Historical Yearbook – Sandy Gallucci & Heather Peoples
- Reflections – Lisa Porsche
- A&M Pie – Kelli Corbi & Dana Perilli

Stacey also spoke about getting committees started. If assistance is needed talk to Stacey and she would be happy to help.

Room Representatives - Classroom parents – no food is to be served at Halloween party. If you have questions or objections, see Stacey.

Field Day - Heather Jeannette proposed the idea of having multiple water stations situated throughout field day, eliminating the need for wagons, bottles, etc. Motion passed for this idea to take shape. Staffing of stations is TBD.

Mercer County PTA Dinner - is on October 17. Sign up if you would like to attend – subject is opiate and heroin abuse in NJ. There is money in the budget for attendance which will offset the cost of tickets.

Child care on PTA nights – Program is not available this year, so far. Suggestions were made to utilize confirmation students or Girl Scouts; Mrs. Crea is going to double check with honor society. Look for e-mail from Stacey about status.

50/50 was donated back from the general meeting.

Fundraising –

- Stacey reviewed the write a check campaign progress. We are just under \$1,000 (usually at \$3,000)
- Kid Stuff books – are at approximately \$1,600 (\$2,300 in 2012)
- A&M October 9 – 14 school gets 25% off with purchase
- Restaurants –
 - Yogurtland - \$25
 - Red Robin – November 20
 - Cheeburger, Cheeburger – January 8
 - Texas Roadhouse – January 27
 - Applebees (Lawrenceville) – February 22

Membership –

- Cards are coming home on October 2; memberships are still coming in.
- 3 for me – volunteers are ready to help with upcoming events.

Educational Programming –

October 10 is an Anti-bullying assembly.

Room Representatives – Reps are in place. Liaisons/grade levels are meeting now. There is potential for use of multi-purpose room for Halloween celebrations.

Book Fair – First meeting was great. The class that raises the most money will get to wrap Mrs. Crea like a mummy. Sign up sheets are being circulated for assistance. Dads are encouraged to participate again this year (Tuesday).

Food & More –

- Pie sale is happening in November. Pies will be available for pick up on November 27 (1/2 day before Thanksgiving)
- Not Just Clothing Drive - October 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (in 2012 we profited \$760); we need volunteers.

Beautification – Girls Scouts placed stones and weeded; more planting in Spring. The sign is still in need of repair. Denise and Lori offered to speak to their spouses to see if they could assist.

5th Grade Activities – Great turnout for the first meeting! Yearbook, party, awards planning has begun!

Additional notes:

Spirit Wear – Order forms are coming soon – anticipate receiving them within the next two weeks.

Magnets – Dawn Buker has done research .96 for a quantity of 500 sell for \$5.00. Motion passes to invest in magnets. The Jones' offer to buy chip clips.

Rainbow Loom – discussion of bags of bands with Spartan charms for resale.

Further discussion of “swag” items continues; motion for swag to be purchased passes.

TEACHERS REPORT – Mrs. Ferraris & Mrs. LaDolcetta

- Thank you for Kid Stuff books in mailboxes!
- Respect week activities are planned for week of October 7 - 10
- Thank you for the water and mints for back to school night.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Mrs. Crea

- Thank you PTA – Back to School Night was a great success!
- Respect week activities are planned for week of October 7 – 10
- PTA events are welcome to be included on the school calendar
- Fire Prevention week – October 6 – 12
 - Contest – entries will be picked up on Friday the 4th
 - There is an open house at Nottingham Fire House on October 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Fire Drill
- Bus Safety Week - Drill video will take place at lunchtime with Mrs. Crea
- Family Math was cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Standards based report cards – parent information nights on October 10 at Morgan School and on October 21 at Wilson.
- Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 22 – 25
- NJ ASK test results went home last week. Our Math scores are stronger than our literacy scores (both in school and district).
- Budget process has started for the 2014 – 2015 school year
- Benchmark assessments – are coming up
- Halloween parade is planned for October 31 at 1:30 p.m. The Steinert band has been asked to lead us; there was a suggestion for the mascot to escort as well.
- Publicity – press releases about happenings in our school
- Reminder - school is closed for students – October 11, 14 and 16. One-session days 10/22 – 25.
- Ms. Hamilton will be out for 6 – 8 weeks. Mr. P is our gym teacher

Thank you for all you do!

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Denise M. Goldenbaum

Recording Secretary