

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**December 9, 2008**

President Tori McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:04pm; gave an invocation and led the attendees in saluting the flag. Tammy Rodriguez stated that there were enough members in attendance to establish a quorum. Deb Conti asked if there were any changes to the minutes; there being none they would be approved as presented. Julie McGuiness gave the Treasurer's report of the Statement of Accounts from September 24, 2008 through December 2, 2008, showing a beginning balance of \$9,451.93, receipts of \$35,545.88, disbursements of \$39,068.68, and an ending balance of \$5,929.13. The report was filed for audit. Corresponding Secretary; Tammy announced that Miss Rolle received the attendance banner.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Reflections-** Tammy reported that the following students were winners.

**Dance/Choreography:** Natasha Tatrai

**Music:** David Kraus

**Photography:** Ethan Kraus, Lauren Miller, Zachary Dudeck, Vanessa Ficarro, Dean Powers, Chris Cote, and Louis Lombardo

**Literature:** Slava Aleksandrovyeh, Robert Foy, and Emily Szuter

**Visual Arts:** Daniel Maida, Alex Rubio, Julia Parungao, Caroline Sagan, Arianna Ricci, Katherine Miller, and Marissa Guadagno

**Honorable Mention:** Sammy Abraham, Christine Czuczuk, Zachary Chin, Christopher Helmlinger, Jessica Huth, Dushelmir Jeremie, Spencer Oliver, Brielle Rodriguez, Tess Sleem, Kuft Tobic, and Albina Tatrai

**Membership-** Jamie reported that to date we have 423 members.

**Budget and Finance-** Ellen started by updating everyone on our fundraising goals. Our fundraisers have done very well; however, all have been slightly down across the board. We added two highly successful fundraisers this fall. The Gift Card sale brought in a profit of around \$1,000 and the Not-Just-Clothing drive rose over \$850! Ellen thanked everyone who participated in these.

She went on to say that last week the students enjoyed shopping for their families at the Holiday shop. The sale brought in close to \$800 profit. The money that we bring in from all of our fundraisers goes towards class trips, assemblies, classroom parties and supplies for our students.

Lastly, Ellen reminded everyone that tomorrow is Barnes & Noble day. She asked all to come and shop with your coupon between 8am and 9pm and our school will get money back from your sale. The PTA will have a free gift wrap table set up. Also, between 6-8

pm our teachers will be reading holiday stories to the students, so you do not want to miss that! She wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tori stated that our PTA was once again honored with awards at this year's NJPTA convention. This year, our historical yearbook; which chronicles PTA events throughout the year placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. We also received honorable mentions for the Father's Pride award; which brings focus onto how important it is to have Father's involved in the school and the Nutrition Award; which showcased our school's efforts to bring healthy eating and exercise back to the fore front. There is only one award and one honorable mention given in each category for the whole state. We are very proud of what our school and PTA tries to accomplish.

Tori adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

*Debra Conti*

**Recording Secretary**