

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**December 1, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Tori McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the flag salute. She welcomed teachers Mrs. Zelins, Mrs. Chirichella and Mrs. Braender as well as visitors and new member, Kristen Hassan.

**ESTABLISHING QUORUM:** (Executive Committee)

Excused from tonight's meeting and those present; see attached list.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were distributed and will be filed as approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie McGuiness reported from the Statement of Accounts for November 11, 2009 through December 1, 2009. A beginning balance of \$3,827.12, receipts of \$12,898.22, disbursements of \$2,965.70, and an ending balance of \$13,759.64. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.).

**Correspondence:**

Jen Haley read thank you notes from Mrs Ferraris thanking the PTA for the breakfast at the Book Fair, a thank you from Mrs Noon for the book we gave her from the Book Fair, a thank you from Mrs Burke for the book we gave her from the Book Fair, a thank you from Mrs Katz for the book donation from the Book Fair, a thank you from Mrs Karla Nami for the books from the Book Fair, a thank you from the fourth grade teachers for the new books and a thank you from Mrs. Deb Nami for the book from the Book Fair.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communications** – Jen Haley stated that submissions for the newsletter are due December 1, 2009.

**Fifth Grade Activities** – Debbie Hamm reported that the deadline for Candy Cane Pens and Wreath sales is December 2, 2009 and that wreath pick up is December 15, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Arts and Education** – Rachel Sorrento reported the winners of the Reflections contest and thanked everyone for their participation. Rachel stated that there were 114 entries and 25 are moving on to County judging. Rachel also stated that an ice cream party will take place in February for all that participated.

**Family Activities** – Cindy Mimmo reported that the poinsettia sale flyer went home last week and the deadline for submission for orders is Wednesday, December 2, 2009 and

pick up for orders will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A few additional plants will be available to purchase on December 15, 2009. Cindy also reported that the Trenton Thunder Baseball Outing/Fundraiser this year will take place on Friday, May 14, 2010 and that no 50/50 ticket sale will take place; revenue will be made on the ticket sale only and she is hopefully that many families will partake in this event as it is scheduled on a Friday evening.

**Founders Day** – Jodi Morgan reported that her committee will be meeting tonight and will provide further information at the next meeting.

**Fundraising** – Ellen Iorio thanked all of the teachers that read at Barnes & Noble last night. She also thanked her committee as well as Jamie Rosica, who is helping out with the Holiday shop. Ellen stated that next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is our Holiday Shop and that the flyer went home today. Ellen further stated that the KidsStuff Book sale ends this week. Ellen further stated that Gift Card pick up will be on December 15, 2009 at our General Meeting. Ellen reminded everyone that upcoming events are TGI Fridays restaurant night on January 13, 2010, Pump It Up Night in January and Bingo Night on Friday, February 5, 2010.

**Kindergarten Registration** - Kalyn Vizzoni reported that Kindergarten registration will be held January 5 and 6, 2010 and the keychains were ordered and received and will be given to all of the new kindergartners and volunteers may be needed. Kalyn also stated that discussions have been had to decide whether additional keychains should be ordered for other students to purchase and it was decided that it was a good idea.

**Healthy, Safety and Environment** – Julie McGuinness reported that the Healthy Hearts family dance will be held February 11, 2010, Mr. Barlow will DJ from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., flowers will be on sale and possibly face painting or tattoos. Julie also stated that kids must have an adult with them during the event. Julie stated to look in our newsletter for information as a team was created for the American Heart Association as Team Alexander and donations can be made. Julie further stated that the dance will be \$5 per person and kids under 5 will be free.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tori McMahan reminded everyone to continue to send the flyers on to Debbie Hamm, Bev Braddock, Sue Bishop and Deb Conti.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jodi questioned whether flyers need to be approved through Central Office and Mrs. Stevenson confirmed that PTA communications do not need that approval.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tori stated that the MCCPTA Founders Day Dinner is being held January 21, 2010 and a sign-up sheet was circulated and that Reynolds is sponsoring this dinner. Tori further stated that the NJPTA Awards Banquet is December 2, 2009 and if you signed up, please make sure to pay Julie. Tori further stated that we will be forming a nominating committee at the February Executive Board meeting. The

nominating committee is responsible for polling all members of the Executive Board for potential candidates to fill the officer positions which will become available effective June 30, 2009 and presenting them to the Executive Board and the General Membership. The positions of President, Vice President, V.P. of Budget and Finance and Treasurer are what need to be filled. If you think you might be interested, Tori suggested that you speak with whomever is currently in that position to learn more about it. Tori also stated that the next General Membership meeting is December 15, 2009, the next Executive Board meeting is January 5, 2010 and the Spring County Council Dinner meeting is April 22, 2010. Tori also announced that Mrs. Truelove is retiring at the end of January and she would like us to not have to use our Sunshine Fund but rather take up a collection for a Wildflowers gift card.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mrs. Stevenson stated that she is saddened that Mrs. Truelove is leaving and is sure that she will receive many applications for the position as everyone is eager to work at Alexander. Mrs. Stevenson announced that Mrs. Bertothy is pregnant and will be leaving in May and returning in September and that substitutes during these leaves of absences are doing a great job. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that she has seen a great improvement in behavior with students and thanked the parents. In December, picture makeup day will be December 7, 2009. Mrs. Stevenson further stated that a holiday assembly will be held on December 18, 2009 at 2:35 pm during which Mr. Radice, who is retired principal, will be dressed in holiday attire and will be caroling for our students. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that Interim Reports will be going home December 21, 2009 and that the holiday party will be on December 23, 2009 during a one-session day. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that teachers are working hard with new programs and new strategies and she thanked the teachers for working so diligently to make sure everything is in place for the monitoring system for central office and she wished everyone a very safe and happy holiday. Wendy Queval asked Mrs. Stevenson about the quality of the Lifetouch photos. Mrs. Stevenson stated that she could approach the company and ask if they could go back to their old technology or possibly she could search out another company. Mrs. Stevenson will confirm if a contract is in effect with Lifetouch.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

*Tricia E. Bannister*

**Recording Secretary**