## JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING February 19, 2008

President Betsy Reetz called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Betsy indicated there were enough PTA members in attendance to establish a quorum. She welcomed everyone and led the flag salute. Betsy encouraged everyone to look at the awards on display in the foyer. She stated that this PTA is award winning and has a lot to celebrate and many reasons to be proud this Founders Day.

The minutes of the December 11, 2007 General Meeting were read by Betsy Reetz and were approved as presented. Tori McMahon gave the Treasurer's Report of the Statement of Account from December 12, 2007 to February 19, 2008, showing a beginning balance of \$10,468.60, receipts of \$4,593.73, disbursements of \$4,965.76, and an ending balance of \$10,096.57. The report was filed for audit. Tammy Rodriguez awarded the attendance banner to Miss Rolle.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance-** Marianne started off by thanking everyone who donated prizes and the many volunteers who helped to make Bingo Night a huge success. Thanks to the donations we were able to make many prizes. She asked that if you or someone you know was lucky enough to be a winner of a prize basket and you have emptied the basket and no longer wish to keep the basket, please send it back to school so we can refill it for our next Bingo Night. Also, if you have baskets that you are interested in donating, please send them to school.

Marianne stated that to date we have raised approximately \$15,000 we need to raise an additional \$5,000 to meet our fundraising goals.

She went on to say we are currently running our read-a-thon fundraiser. Each student will receive a gift certificate to the February Book Fair for 50% of their pledge money. 20% of the total pledge money will be used to purchase new books for our school library. 30% of the pledge money will go towards our fund-raising goals. Please note the read-a-thon forms and pledge money is due tomorrow. The Book Fair is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:15-3:15pm and from 6-9 pm on Tuesday evening. Rewards will be given out to the top reader in each grade as well as the top reader in the school. Other fundraisers scheduled include:

- Art fundraiser
- o Super 50/50
- Spring Flower Sale
- o Trenton Thunder 50/50 ticket sale
- Wendy's Restaurant Fundraiser on Field Day
- Box Tops and Marrazzo Receipts (Please send them to school with your child.)

Lastly, Marianne thanked everyone for supporting our fundraisers throughout the school year. She announced the winner for the 50/50 ticket sale and the winner took home the prize of \$71.50.

**Reflections Committee-** Rachel Sorrento reported that the following students would be going on to the state level for their entries in the Reflections program.

Photography- EJ Skwara, Literature- Cassandra Perry Music- Isabelle Shin and David Krauss

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Betsy Reetz announced that the formation of a Nominating Committee was proposed at the February 5, 2008 Executive Board Meeting with members consisting of Jamie Rosica, Tammy Rodriguez, Julie McGuiness, Jennifer Haley and Rachel Sorrento with Debbie Conti as the alternate. Member Gene Queval made a motion from the floor (Motion #1) to approve the appointed members to the Nominating Committee. As this motion came from committee no second is required. In the interest of time voting was held by unanimous consent; there was no opposition so the motion was approved.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm and introduced Principal Mrs. Stevenson to present this evenings entertainment.

Debra Conti

**Recording Secretary**