

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tori McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the flag salute. She welcomed teacher representative Mrs. LaDolcetta.

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 McGuinness reported from the Statement of Accounts for January 5, 2010, through February 2, 2010. A beginning balance of \$12,379.15, receipts of \$1,746.99, disbursements of \$4,947.43, and an ending balance of \$9,178.71. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.)

Correspondence: Jen Haley read correspondence from Rose Truelove thanking us for the gift card to Wildflowers for her retirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget & Finance – Ellen Iorio reported that Bingo night is this Friday at 7:00 p.m and that a combination of any five Box Tops, Thriftway receipts, soup labels or Tyson labels will get you your bingo ticket; any Box Tops we get in February will go toward our April check. Ellen reminded everyone that we still need donations and baskets and they can be sent in until Thursday; also, basket set up is this Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Ellen further reported that Chevy's restaurant night is Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. and 25% profit from sales will be given.

Ellen also reported that the super 50/50 tickets will be going out around the end of February and the winners will be picked during our April meeting; tickets are still \$2 each.

Ellen lastly reported that other upcoming events are BJs Membership renewal and spring Gift Card Sale.

Hospitality – Jen Haley reported that she will email the committee regarding Founder's Day.

Recognitions – Deb Johannsen reported that we honored the custodians in January with Chili's gift cards and that February we will be honoring Mr. Smith and we are getting him a gift card to a music store.

Fifth Grade Activities – Debbie Hamm reported that the Fifth grade picture will take place tomorrow, February 3, 2010 and she thanked Bev and Laura for organizing the T-shirt sale and signature collection.

Debbie further reported that upcoming events to benefit Fifth Grade Activities will be Concession Stand at Bingo Night, Field Day, Wendy's and possibly another option of Car Wash Coupons.

Debbie Hamm further reported that work on the yearbook continues and she thanked everyone for their photo contributions; they will accept emailed photos of class activities or field trips until the end of February; order forms for yearbooks will be sent home in March; Thursday, June 17, 2010 has been secured for the Fifth Grade Year End Party and Graduation Ceremony Night; other fundraising possibilities are Spring Flower Sale and Restaurant.com gift cards. Debbie also reported that Field Day is April 29, 2010.

Founder's Day – Jodi Morgan reported that the committee is working on the event and will be meeting tonight.

Health Environment and Safety - Julie McGuinness reported that 83 tickets were sold for the dance and tickets will be available at the door; the committee will be meeting tonight.

Communications – Jen Haley reported that submissions for the newsletter are due tonight and that Denise Goldenbaum is taking over the newsletter starting with this issue; her email address is niceybomb@optonline.net; please forward all submissions to her effective immediately; an online questionnaire will be created to encourage people to read the newsletter and will be published by the end of next week on the website.

Educational Programs – Jamie Rosica reported that the Juggling for Success assembly was great and the family evening component was a full house; everyone seemed to have a great time and many parents commented as to how much fun they had.; Dave Finnigan gave the school two DVDs on Juggling, two books for the school library as well as ten sets of scarves for the teachers to use in class.

Jamie further reported that on Monday, February 8, 2010, Prismatic Magic is bringing a Black History Laser Light show for grades Kindergarten through Fifth and on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, Wild Encounters will bring Wild About Animals for grades Kindergarten through Fifth.

Jamie also reported that Friday, May 7, 2010, the Philadelphia Flyers will bring an assembly on teamwork for grades Second through Fifth; a flyer will be going home asking students to wear any Flyers clothing they have or black and orange and Mrs.

Stevenson is also going to remind the children about respecting a team they don't usually root for.

Arts & Education – Rachel stated that it was announced at the State Founder's Day Dinner that two winners have moved on to State Judge in Reflections and they are Ally Johannsen and Matthew Hauman.

Membership - Kalyn suggested that we have a spring sale for sweats and t-shirts and it was agreed that we should do it so that the items are received before Field Day and that Kalyn will look into string bags as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Tricia discussed that based upon feedback she received, it appears that everyone is in agreement to look into another vendor for school photos and that Kids at Heart has provided sample materials and a price sheet; although Mrs. Stevenson stated that she is in contract with Lifetouch for another year, we should start looking into changing vendors soon.

Tori stated that a sign up sheet for the Nominating Committee was being passed around and it was completed by the end of the meeting. She reviewed the process and procedures of the Nominating Committee and reminded everyone of the positions that will be available for next term.

NEW BUSINESS: Tori distributed the Local ByLaws Amendment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tori reminded everyone that surveys had previously been emailed and asked that for those who have not yet done so to complete them and return to her. Tori also that the Membership and School Fair Committees need to be established by June as well as Budget and Finance which should at least have a skeleton crew. Tori further stated that Mr. Cannizzaro is seeking assistance in setting up the Art Show on February 23 and 24, 2010 as well as volunteers to bake and that a sign up sheet is being distributed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Stevenson reported that report cards will be distributed on Friday, February 5, 2010; Valentine's Day treat will be Friday, February 12, 2010; School is closed on February 15, 2010 for President's Day and during the week of February 22, 2010 starting on February 23, 2010 will be half days and lunch is still served on half days with 1:15 dismissal; the Art fair will be held on February 23, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and that evening conferences will be held that day from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 day conferences will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and the art show will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Thursday will be evening conferences and Friday is day conferences. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that Second grade standardized testing will begin March 1, 2010 and end on March 5; 2010 with make ups held on March 8, 2010 through 12, 2010. Mrs. Stevenson further stated that Mr. Leonardo is substituting in Fourth grade for Mrs Braender. Mrs. Stevenson further stated that starting in May, 2010 information will start being sent home regarding NJ ASK testing for Third, Fourth and Fifth grades. Mrs.

Stevenson also stated that Mrs. Nami will be leaving March 18 or 21, 2010 and that Miss Hayes will take that position in Second grade when Mrs. Camilieri returns.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tricia E. Bannister

Recording Secretary