

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER :

President Tori McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and led the flag salute. She welcomed school representatives Mr. Smith and Mrs. Argese and any visitors that may be in attendance.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: (Executive Committee)

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: The minutes were acknowledged and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Julie reported from the Statement of Account for December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009. A beginning balance of \$8,361.18, receipts of \$4,730.56, disbursements of \$5,511.90, and an ending balance of \$7,579.84. The report was filed for audit. (See attached report.)

Correspondence: Tammy reported that a thank you note was sent to Barnes and Noble. A sympathy note was sent to the Dunn Family and a Get Well card will be sent to Karin's husband.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance- Ellen reported that Barnes and Noble Day went very well. We made \$645.00 plus \$77 from gift wrapping. She said it would not have been so successful without the help of all the special teachers who read. Ellen thanked Holly who helped set this event up.

She went on to say that TGI Friday's night is next Wed. Jan 14th from 5-9pm. 20% goes back to our school with the use of the coupon. BINGO Night is Friday, Feb. 6th. There is a sign up sheet going around for volunteers for Friday and for assembling baskets on Thursday. The more people to help assemble, the quicker it will go. Admission will be 5 boxtops/soup upcs/tysen a+ labels or Marrazzo's receipts.

Lastly, Ellen stated that the Super 50/50 tickets will be going out in April. The drawing will be held at the May general meeting.

Arts in Education- Rachel reported that the results of the Reflections winners will be announced January 22, 2009.

Recognitions- Sue Fox reported that the custodians were recognized in January.

Family Activities- Jodi reported that they are working on a Trenton thunder day. They are not sure if we will be doing a 50/50 because they are considering dropping that program.

Fifth Grade Activities- Kim reported that t-shirt orders are due and the yearbook is moving along right on schedule.

Founders Day- Jodi reported that there will be a meeting tonight. They will be tying up loose ends and will be having a meeting every Tuesday for the month of January except for January 22nd.

Kindergarten Registration- Jamie reported that registration started today. She stated that everything went very smooth. She thanked Kalyn and Michelle who helped out today. She also thanked Kelly who would be helping out tomorrow. Jamie said that there seemed to be a lot of veteran parents and only a few students without older siblings in the school.

Jamie went on to say that we need to order something for the folders for next year. We will need to decide whether to buy it this year or add it into next year's budget. The remainder of the pennants was used up this year so we need to come up with some low cost ideas for next year. A discussion of ideas followed and it was decided to think about it for the future.

Special Treats- Debbie reported that there will be bagels offered on March 2nd and flying saucers on June 5th. The bagels will be purchased at Central Perk for allergy reasons and they will be dyed green in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday. A letter will be sent home in early February.

Educational Programs- Rachel reported that there will be an American History program on Tuesday January 20th. She is hoping that it will include discussion of the Inauguration which is the same day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Art Show- Jodi reported that Mr. C will be having an Art Show on February 24th and 25th. The show will be held from 6-9pm both nights. Mr. has asked the PTA for some help with set up and refreshments. Jodi will be sending a sign up sheet around.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nominating Committee- Tori wanted to remind everyone that we would be forming a nominating committee at the next executive board meeting. She asked that if anyone is interested in being on the committee to please see her after the meeting. A sign up sheet is being sent around. There needs to be five members with one alternate. The positions available are: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and VP of Programs. Tori

suggested that anyone interested in these positions please see: Deb Conti, Rachel or Tammy to get more details about the positions.

Founders Day Dinner-Tori reported that the people who signed up for the dinner at the December meeting should be at the dinner Thursday, January 22nd. She asked that if you could not make the dinner to please find a replacement if at all possible. There is still one spot open and the cost for the dinner is \$13.

Tori turned the floor over to Mrs. Stevenson for the Principal's report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Stevenson reported that there is not much that has happened since getting back from winter break. She stated that she is dealing with a personal tragedy. Her brother passed away after a long illness.

She stated that Monday, January 12th will be movie day. The students will be watching a movie during lunch. Friday, January 30th is favorite team day. School will be closed January 19th. She went on to say that January 20th the students will see an assembly and she is hoping to have the children watch the Inauguration in the multi-purpose room.

Lastly, she stated that the marking period will end January 29th. She will give the testing dates at the next executive board meeting. Students are being tutored for the upcoming tests. She stated that there are long term subs being chosen to fill the positions of the teachers going out on maternity. Mrs. Stevenson stated that she tries to choose them very carefully so they can fit in with our standards.

GOOD OF THE ORDER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PTA Recognition Certificate- Holly Santini for signing up the teachers to read at Barnes and Noble.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Debra Conti

Recording Secretary