

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

President Betsy Reetz called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and led the flag salute. She welcomed teachers Mrs. Nami and Mrs. Burden and several guests.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: (Executive Committee)

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Deb Conti read the minutes, there were no corrections and the minutes will be filed as read.

Treasurer's Report: Tori reported from the Statement of Account for May 7, 2008 through June 3, 2008. A beginning balance of \$17,137.31, receipts of \$4189.29, disbursements of \$10,399.11, and an ending balance of \$10,927.49. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.)

Correspondence: Tammy read thank you notes from the following: kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Leopardi, Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. Minogue, Mrs. Truelove, Mrs. Fucci, the Room 8 teachers, the Pre-K and grades 4, 5, 3, 1. They were all very grateful for the wonderful treats and surprises the week of Teacher Appreciation. She also read a thank you note from Kristie Casole for helping her collect over 4000 books which helped her achieve her silver award in Girls Scouts. Lastly, Tammy read a thank you note from Mrs. Ferraris for the classroom book donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance- Betsy reported that the Super 50/50 had a \$4000 profit. Ellen reported that the Box Top competition had resulted in a collection of 4600 Box Tops. A check for \$458 will be gained. She thanked April, Debbie, Kathy, and Tori for their help in cutting out the Box tops that were sent in. Lastly, Ellen announced that Mrs. Camilleri's class won the chilly treat for most Box Tops collected.

Family Activities- Cindy Mimmo reported that Family Movie night would have to be cancelled. There were too many problems in trying to make it happen. She is hoping to have it rescheduled in the beginning of the next school year. She thanked everyone for their support of the A&M fundraiser which had a profit of \$514.

Cindy mentioned that 3-J has merged with Fundraising Solutions. She spoke with the owner and he offered to do some great deals for next year. Cindy asked that everyone think of what they might need and perhaps we could use them next school year.

Fifth Grade Activities- Jodi reported that the graduation will be in two weeks. They have raised in excess of \$4000 and have used every penny. She thanked everyone for working so hard and expressed sadness that it is coming to an end. She stated that Karin and Kim will be helping the night of awards and she is very confident it will go smoothly.

Recognitions- Mary Ann stated that the librarian, nurse, and principal were given gift cards to recognize their work. She added that the playground aides will be recognized in June.

Teacher Appreciation- Linda reported that the week went great and everyone enjoyed it. They have many great ideas for next year. Linda and Felicia thanked everyone for all their help in making ziti for the teachers to take home.

Three for Me- Audrey reported that this was the second year this program was used. She added that it was used more this year, and she received mostly positive feedback from the participants. They really liked the flexibility; the only complaint was that some people were not used enough. She announced that Kelly Sterns will be taking over her position next year as Audrey is moving on to Reynolds. Lastly, she reminded everyone on the e-board not to sign up for this program.

Health and Safety- Cindy reported that Family Fun Night went great. The families in attendance seemed to have lots of fun. The only change would be that instead of getting tickets first come first serve it would be done by lottery.

Cindy made a suggestion that this committee may try to do an environment awareness issue next year. A suggestion was go green bags. The committee will research some ideas. Lastly, Cindy announced that the DJ Dance party went really well.

Book Fair-Cindy announced that the book fair will be held next year in the week of October 21st.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments – Betsy stated that there are still a few of us who have not returned the committee survey in preparation for the 2008-2009 school year. She asked that if you do not intend to return to the executive board next year, a note/email/phone call to that effect would be appreciated.

IRS Correspondence – Betsy stated that to date she has not received a response to our letter of appeal. She did receive correspondence shortly after our last meeting assessing an additional penalty secondary to non receipt of a payment by the due date. She did call and was advised to ignore the letter because the letter of appeal had been received.

Life Member Nominating Criteria – Betsy stated that development of criteria for this award remains pending.

Revisions to Bylaws – Betsy stated that this agenda item will be tabled until next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Formation of Audit Committee – Betsy stated that it is time to form an audit committee to audit the books in preparation for our next fiscal year. She asked for a show of hands for volunteers. Kathy Register, Ellen Iorio and Cindy Devine volunteered to serve on this committee. A meeting date mutually convenient for all parties involved will be determined in late June/early July.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Steinert Awards Ceremony – Betsy spent the evening at Nottingham Fire Company last night in order to present the three scholarships from Alexander PTA. Ryan Dean and Heather Slifko were awarded the Alexander Alumnae Scholarships. Antionette Slavin was awarded the Lorraine D’Zurilla Memorial Science Scholarship.

Betsy turned the floor over to Mrs. Stevenson for the Principal’s Report.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. Stevenson started off by saying that the end of the year is quickly approaching. She stated that Career Day was a great success and the students had a great time and asked some very appropriate questions. The students were served apples and water.

She stated that this week seems to be trip week. The third grade went to the brook and the Kindergarten classes will be going on a trip Thursday. She stated that Special Treat day will be June 13th.

Lastly, she stated that the graduation will be a memorable one for her. This was her incoming kindergarten class when she first joined the Alexander community. The fifth graders will be visiting Reynolds on June 12th. Mrs. Stevenson thanked the PTA for all of our help especially when it was asked at the spur of the moment. She specifically thanked Betsy for her hard work the last two years.

GOOD OF THE ORDER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Betsy distributed the following PTA Recognition Certificates:

- Felicia Huth and Linda Ackerson – spectacular Teacher Appreciation week
- Karin Casole – job well done with the Art fundraiser
- Julie McGuinness – awesome job on the Health, Safety Environment Committee

Parting gifts were distributed to: Melissa Giori, Audrey Maruca and Mary Ann Wherley.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Debra Conti

Recording Secretary