

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

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tori McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the flag salute. She welcomed teacher representatives Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Leopardi.

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 February 2, 2010, through March 2, 2010. A beginning balance of \$9,178.71, receipts of \$1,831.61, disbursements of \$1,804.07, and an ending balance of \$9,206.25. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.). Julie also stated that the balances for each committee were handed and that in reviewing the committee balances she noticed that \$2,000 was disbursed for School Fair and she wanted to mention that if someone is interested in taking over this committee that they should consider trying to cut some of the costs.

Correspondence: Jen Haley had no correspondence to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget & Finance – Ellen Iorio reported that Chevy's restaurant night is Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Ellen further reported that The BJs Membership fundraiser is now going on and the forms need to be returned to Debbie Hamm by March 5, 2010. Ellen further reported that the super 50/50 tickets are now going out and because two days of conferences were cancelled we still have many tickets that need to be handed out. Ellen asked if everyone could go through the envelopes to be distributed to hand out to neighbors and friends as the cost to mail each one is sixty-one cents. Ellen lastly reported that other upcoming fundraisers are the Spring Gift Card Sale, A&M Flower Sale in May and possibly a movie night in May or June.

Cindy Mimmo also reported that the A&M fundraiser will be May 1 and 2, 2010 using Bob Bucks coupons where a percentage of your purchase is given back to our school and a flyer will be sent home.

Health Environment and Safety - Julie McGuiness reported the healthy hearts dance was held and it was a great time and made \$500 to donate to the American Heart Association. Mrs. Stevenson will announce this during school to the students. Julie

stated that two former students, Mykenzie Morgan and Katie Giori, helped tremendously with this event and they are being recognized with certificates.

Fifth Grade Activities – Debbie Hamm reported that Family Night Bingo snack shack raised \$128.80 for Fifth Grade Activities and she thanked all of the volunteers who worked in the kitchen. Debbie further stated that Silly Bandz fundraiser forms will go home this week for the Spring Fundraiser and the deadline for ordering will be March 12, 2010. Debbie also stated that next week the Spring Flower Sale order forms will be distributed pending approval and orders can be picked up around the end of March. Debbie further reported that the committee chairs will be meeting Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Debbie also stated that the yearbook committee will be meeting numerous times in March to finalize the yearbook in time for the March 29, 2010 deadline and order forms for the yearbook were distributed to students this week and cost is \$13.50 with the order deadline being March 19, 2010. Debbie lastly stated that the fifth grade signature t-shirts were delivered and distributed for the fifth grade activities photos taken the first week in February and that class picture orders will be accepted until Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Founder's Day – Jodi Morgan reported that Founder's Day was done a little differently this year but went very well with the candle lighting ceremony and honoring everyone who needed to be recognized.

Historical Yearbook – Debbie Hamm reported that the committee will be meeting soon and they are in need of any pictures from PTA sponsored events such as School Fair, Healthy Hearts Dance, Bingo, etc. and to please email pictures to Debbie at hamnchs@aol.com.

Teacher's Appreciation – Linda Ackerson stated that she distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to make ziti dinners.

Educational Programs – Jamie Rosica reported that the laser light show was very well received and students had a lot of fun. Jamie further reported that the next assembly is March 31, 2010 which will be Wild Animal Encounters for grades Kindergarten through Fifth. Jamie further reported that the Flyers program to be held on May 7, 2010 will include a black and orange day as well as an optional poster contest on teamwork for grades Second through Fifth with a prize of possibly free movie night tickets.

OLD BUSINESS – Tori reminded everyone that you will be receiving an email or phone call from the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee – Kathy Register reported that due to the snow of recent weeks, the Nominating Committee "met" via email for their first meeting and that each member has a list of nine names of members of the Executive Board to contact regarding nominations and if you have not been contact yet, you should hear from your Nominating Committee Member in the next day or two. She reminded us that we are looking to fill the positions of President (a two-year term), First Vice President (a two-year term), Treasurer (a two-year term), and Vice President of Budget and Finance (for this one time,

a one-year term) and to please think about these positions and whether you would be interested in one of them or if you know someone else that is interested in a position, or you think someone in particular would be an excellent candidate for a position. Kathy further reported that the committee is excited to report back to the Executive Board at our April meeting to announce the names of those interested in all of these important positions.

NEW BUSINESS: Jodi Morgan stated that three items in the By-Laws should be changed which are membership free from \$5 to \$6, that you must be an Executive Board member for a year in order to be an officer and attendance at dinners to be changed from President or alternate and 7 delegates to President and alternate and 5 delegates. Debbie Hamm made a motion to approval and three revisions to the By-Laws and Kathy Register seconded the motion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tori reminded us about board surveys and asked that we please complete and return to her as soon as possible. Tori also stated that if you are going to resign from the Executive Board, please let her know that as well. Tori further reported that National New Jersey Legislative Day is slated for April with no exact date yet and the Spring County Council dinner is April 22, 2010 and a sign-up sheet was distributed. Tori further reported that she received an email from a parent regarding Kohl's Cool Kids Who Care Program and wants to nominate Ally Johanssen for her work on contributions with Haiti. Lastly, Tori reported that two Executive Board Members, Tricia Bannister and Lisa Ruyak, are receiving a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts in assisting Ellen Iorio with the 50/50 ticket sale.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Stevenson stated that in Fourth Grade Mr. Leonardo took over for Mrs. Braender and that Mrs. Nami will be leaving soon and Ms. Hayes will take that spot and also that Mrs. Bertothy will be leaving in mid-May and Jillian Conti will be taking that spot. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that Judy Kegan is temporarily taking the place of Mrs. Truelove as a long term substitute and Mrs. Stevenson will need to make a decision for the position by April 1, 2010 and that there were many applicants and that she wanted to fill the position with a person with prior secretarial experience. She further stated that many applicants were no longer interested in the position once they found out that health coverage is only provided for the individual rather than for the full family for the first three years. Mrs. Stevenson stated that testing is going well for Second graders which started on Monday and will end on Thursday and that testing for Third, Fourth and Fifth grades will be in May. Mrs. Stevenson further stated that state aid for schools in New Jersey is a big concern and that our Governor will be making a speech on March 16, 2010 and she asked that we pay attention to this as currently no schools can spend money since all accounts are frozen. Mrs. Stevenson presented the Executive Board with a slide show presentation of the proposed school expansion.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Tricia E. Bannister
Recording Secretary