

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**May 11, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Tori McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the flag salute. She welcomed teacher representatives Mrs. Argese and Mrs. Fiorello. She also welcomed Alicia Liffland as the incoming Treasurer.

**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 April 13, 2010, through May 11, 2010. A beginning balance of \$10,633.63, receipts of \$13,502.45, disbursements of \$9,745.03, and an ending balance of \$14,391.05. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.)

**Correspondence:** Tricia Bannister reported correspondence on behalf of Jen Haley from the fifth grade teachers, from the kindergarten staff, from the preschool staff, from second grade teachers, from Catie Hayes, from Susan Oberweis, from Mrs. Tobert, from Mrs. Pallotti and Mrs. Bertothy, from Senora Vacca and from the first grade teachers for teacher appreciation week; from Mrs. Ferraris for teacher appreciation week and the Teacher of the Year Award gifts; from Mrs. Fucci for the Rosa's gift card for Administrative Professionals Day and from Mrs. Bertothy for the Babies R Us gift card.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget & Finance** – Ellen Iorio reported that the Cheeburger Cheeburger restaurant night will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and that twenty percent of sale will go back to our school when presenting the flyer. Ellen further reported that currently the spring Box Tops Contest is occurring and that the classroom that submits the most Box Tops will receive a sweet chilly treat and this school year thus far we have received \$1,200 from Box Tops for Education. Ellen further reported that Maggie Moo's Day is Wednesday, June 2, 2010, all day and that fifteen percent of total sale will go back to our school and there will be Celebrity Scoop Night where our wonderful teachers will be scooping ice cream from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and since the entire time slot needs to be filled, more volunteers are needed, so please let Ellen know if you can help. Ellen further reported that the indoor Movie Night will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 featuring the movie, Up, and that admission will be five dollars and popcorn and drink will be included in the admission price. Ellen lastly reported that the Third Annual Clothing Drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010 and asked that

we start saving our clothes, accessories, hard toys and stuffed animals for this fundraiser as she reminded us that we raised over \$600 from this fundraiser last year.

**Family Activities** –Cindy Mimmo reported the A&M Market fundraiser brought in a total of \$236.45 from sales of twenty percent of the total sales using the coupon during the weekend of May 1 and 2 and she thanked all who participated. Cindy also reported that Trenton Thunder night is this Friday night with only 56 participants but we need to pay for 62; there are 6 extra tickets so if anyone is interested, let Cindy know.

**Fifth Grade Activities** –Rachel Sorrento reported on behalf of Debbie Hamm that the Joe Corbi's fundraiser did well and the committee is meeting next week.

**Health, Safety & Environment** – Julie McGuiness reported that bottle caps are still being collected. Julie further reported that she had previously distributed an email regarding the Fit Kids Act and asked that we please read this email and write to our Senator regarding this. Jodi Morgan suggested that we possibly get a petition going at one of our next events.

**Historical Yearbook** – Kathy Register reported on behalf of Debbie Hamm that the committee is currently working on the next historical yearbook and if you have any flyers or pictures, please send them to Debbie Hamm.

**Field Day** – Kathy Register stated that Debbie Hamm will report on this at our next meeting.

**Room Reps** – Tammy Rodriguez reported on behalf of Sue Bishop that the second grade room representatives are meeting tonight. Tori McMahon reminded us that pizza is not allowed to be served during the end of year party. Tricia Bannister reported on Sue Bishop's behalf that if an outdoor activity is planned for the end of year party, please be sure to have extra water on hand as it will probably be a hot day and also that last year the third grade room representatives collectively organized an outdoor carnival-like activity and it was well received by the children and teachers and if you are interested in doing a similar activity, please contact Sue.

**Book Fair** – Cindy Devine reported that we will be using Scholastic for the book fair next year; she had looked into another company and thought about doing two different book fairs but then Scholastic came through and so she booked the normally scheduled week for the upcoming school year.

**Kindergarten Registration** – Tori McMahon reported on behalf of Kalyn Vizzoni that registration went very well.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Linda Ackerson reported that it was a fun week and wanted to thank everyone who participated in making it successful.

**Recognitions** – Deb Johannsen reported that in we recognized the two secretaries with \$30 gift certificates to Rosa's Italian Restaurant on South Broad Street and that May is a big month with the librarian, nurse, and principal to be recognized; June we will recognize three playground aides and the Chartwell's co-coordinator.

**Reflections** – Rachel Sorrento stated that the Reflections participants will receive an ice cream treat on June 1, 2010.

**Programs** – Jamie Rosica reported that that the Flyers teamwork program went well; unfortunately, the poster contest did not go as well as expected and only six students participated and therefore all six students will receive a free movie night ticket. Jamie further stated that Black and Orange day was successful.

**Newsletter** – Denise Goldenbaum stated that the newsletter is getting wrapped up and if anyone has anything that needs to be submitted, please get the submission to her as quickly as possible.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Tori McMahon stated that surveys have been sent out and she still has not received forms back from everyone and asked that they please be submitted as soon as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tori McMahon discussed that there is no Chairperson for the School Fair Committee for next year and said that someone needs to step up by the next meeting, otherwise there will be no school fair and other options would be needed such as a Sciencepalooza, pancake breakfast or special person's tea, something with very little cost.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tori McMahon stated that she wanted to again thank Linda Ackerson and Felicia Huth for all of their efforts in making Teacher Appreciation Week so wonderful.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mrs. Stevenson stated that last week was fifth grade testing and this week is make-up for them; testing for third and fourth grades is this week with make-up next week and the children are doing well; upcoming trips are Great Adventure for the fifth grade on May 14, 2010 and on May 24, 2010 there will be a school-wide spelling bee which was incepted by Early Act; the Philadelphia Zoo trip for first grade and the Camden Aquarium trip for Kindergarten will be on May 26, 2010; Character Ed Day which will be an all-day, outside even held on May 28, 2010 which was incepted by Student Council and lastly, Mrs. Stevenson reminded us that school is closed on May 31, 2010 for Memorial Day.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

*Tricia E. Bannister*

**Recording Secretary**