

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 22, 2008

President Tori McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Tori welcomed everyone and led the attendees in the flag salute. She then introduced this year's officers: Jodi Morgan; first Vice President, Ellen Iorio; Vice President of Budget and Finance, Rachel Sorrento; Vice President of Programs, Deb Conti; Recording Secretary, Tammy Rodriguez; Corresponding Secretary, and Julie McGuinness; Treasurer. Deb Conti stated that the minutes were distributed in the newsletter. She asked if there were any corrections; there were none and they were approved as presented. Julie McGuinness gave the Treasurer's Report of the Statement of Account from May 13, 2008 to September 23, 2008, showing a beginning balance of \$14,489.56 and an ending balance of \$9,451.93. The report was filed for audit. Tammy reported that Mrs. Argese received the attendance banner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership- Jamie Rosica reported that as of yesterday we have 408 members on the Alexander PTA! She asked that if you have not signed up for the PTA yet, please consider doing so; your financial support is needed so we can keep bringing your children wonderful assembly programs and keep the cost of school trips down.

Jamie asked that if you have joined the PTA before last Friday and have not received your membership card yet, please send a note in with your child addressed to PTA Membership. She reminded everyone that on their way to visit the classrooms tonight be sure to check out our Membership bulletin board across from the office. Children who have at least one parent or guardian as a member will have a star sticker next to their name.

Lastly, Jamie congratulated Ms. Glonek's first grade class, Mrs. Camilleri's first grade class as well as the teaching staff for reaching 100% Membership.

Budget and Finance- Ellen started off with a few fundraiser reminders. The fall fundraiser is still going on. All orders need to be returned no later than Wednesday, October 1st. she stated that there are samples in the hall so feel free to check them out. If you don't see anything you would like to purchase, please feel free to make a donation to our PTA. She went on to thank everyone for their support.

Ellen stated that now is the time to pre-order your fall mums. The form needs to be filled out by Wednesday Sept 30, and pick them up on that Friday October 3rd. A Friendly's Family night is scheduled for October 1st from 5-9pm. Bring in the flyer & 15% of your sales will go to the PTA.

The School Fair is October 25th. This is a huge fundraiser and lots of fun for our students. A flyer will go home for volunteering. There will be some new activities this year so save the date.

Ellen stated that the following are scheduled for the near future: BJ's Membership Renewal Fundraiser, Thanksgiving Pies, and Barnes & Nobles Night on December 10th. She reminded everyone of our ongoing fundraisers: Boxtops, Campbells UPC codes, Tyson Project A+ labels, Marrazzos Receipts, and Printer Cartridges. They are wonderful no cost fundraisers that help support our PTA. The fundraisers are all listed on Alexander's website: Hamiltonpta.com.

Lastly Ellen stated that according to the PTA by-laws, each fundraiser that we do needs to be approved by the general membership. The proposed fundraisers were listed in the newsletter that recently went home with the students. We will do as few or as many fundraisers as necessary to meet our budget.

Ellen made a motion to accept the proposed fundraisers as listed in the PTA newsletter. Debbie Hamm made the first motion to accept the proposed fundraisers and Gene Queval made the second.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tori stated that there is no old business which needs to be addressed. She asked if there was anyone who had any old business to be brought before the assembly. There was none so Tori proceeded to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee- Ellen Iorio reported that the officers of the PTA met over the summer and performed an audit of the books and records of our PTA. All funds were accounted for. The books were turned over to our new treasurer; Julie McGuinness.

Proposed Budget- Julie McGuinness presented the proposed budget. She stated that the Executive Committee approved the budget on September 9, 2008. It was distributed in the newsletter for everyone's review. We budgeted for total receipts of \$31,178.56 which includes a reserve and a carryover of scholarship money of \$9,169.57. The membership dues totaled \$736.50 leaving us with a fundraising total of \$21,272.49. Julie made a motion to approve the budget. Debbie Hamm made the motion to adopt the budget. She is an Executive Board member so no second is necessary. The minutes will show that the budget was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

General Membership Meetings- Tori announced that our General Membership meetings for the 2008-2009 school year have been scheduled for December 9th, February 17th and May 26th. She stated that these dates are different than those noted in the

handbook which was recently sent home with your child. The corrected dates will be noted on the school calendars for those months as well as the PTA newsletters which are issued just prior to the meeting.

Tori asked if there was any other business to be discussed; there was none. She concluded the business portion of the meeting at 7:19pm. Tori then introduced Mrs. Stevenson to present the Back to School Night program.

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Recording Secretary

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