

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
September 25, 2007

President Betsy Reetz called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. She confirmed that Corresponding Secretary Tammy Rodriguez had established quorum. Betsy welcomed everyone and led the attendees in the flag salute. Deb Conti the Recording Secretary 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. Tori McMahon gave the Treasurer's Report of the Statement of Account from May 16, 2007 to September 25, 2007, showing a beginning balance of \$10,898.76 and an ending balance of \$8303.03. The report was filed for audit. Tammy Rodriguez reported that there were thank you notes for the teacher's breakfast and for the scholarships that were awarded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Jamie Rosica reported that this year's theme is "Treasure your child...Join the Alexander PTA." She informed the audience that each year the PTA budgets \$40 per child to offset costs of school trips, educational assemblies, class parties and much more. The cost of membership is only \$5. The goal is to have 100% family membership. She is confident that the Alexander community will reach this goal. She also told everyone to check out the PTA bulletin board on the way to your child's classroom. Children are represented as a gold coin in their teacher's treasure chest. If a child has brought in their membership dues a sticker is affixed to their coin. Jamie reported that as of this evening we have 400 members signed up. She congratulated Mrs. Nami's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and Miss Glonek's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class for 100% classroom membership. We're also proud to say we've achieved 100% teacher membership. Jamie concluded by thanking everyone.

Three for Me-Audrey Maruca reported that the Three for Me program is designed for parents who want to volunteer in their child's school but just can't find the time for a regular commitment. She stated that to reach a Three for Me goal all you need to do is volunteer three times during the school year. Parents can work the school fair, family bingo, field day or even an "I can do anything" area. Audrey said to date approximately 135 parents have signed up for this program. She was pleased to thank everyone for their overwhelming response and added that parental involvement is critical to creating a great school.

Budget and finance - Marianne Joralemon thanked everyone for supporting the Fall Fundraiser. She stated that to date turnout has been good and as a reminder orders should be turned in by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. As always, if you would like to participate in a Fundraiser, but you just don't see anything in the brochure that you would like to purchase, please feel free to make a donation to our PTA in lieu of participation.

She also thanked everyone who saved Box Tops and Marrazzo's receipts over the summer. We have already earned rebates in excess of \$900. Thank you!!

Marianne announced two fundraisers this week with local businesses that we hope will result in good turnouts: a Friendly's Fundraiser scheduled for tomorrow night, Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>; and an A&M Fundraiser scheduled for this coming weekend, September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Other fundraisers in the near future that we have scheduled with local businesses include a Fezziwig's fundraiser on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and a Barnes & Noble fundraiser scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of these locations require you to present a coupon showing that you are participating in our fundraiser, which will be sent home along with any other pertinent information in the near future.

Marianne stated The School Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th. This is a major event and fundraiser. A flyer will be going home seeking school fair volunteers. Please help us with this event if you possibly can! In fact, one of the best ways you could help is to volunteer for this important event.

As a reminder, we will be continuing to collect Box Tops, Marrazzo Receipts, Campbell's UPCs, used printer cartridges, and used cell phones throughout the school year.

In addition, this year we will be selling Alexander merchandise. In fact, some of it is on sale tonight in the school lobby. Also, we are selling \$5 discount cards of which we receive 50% profit.

Marianne informed everyone that according to the PTA by-laws, each fundraiser that we do is to be approved by you, the general membership. We listed the proposed fundraisers 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.

Marianne moved (Motion 1) to accept the proposed fundraisers as listed in the PTA Newsletter. Gene Queval motioned to approve the proposed fundraisers. The motion was approved.

Betsy Reetz then asked if there were any other committees that wished to report. She then moved on to old business.

### OLD BUSINESS

Betsy stated that there is no old business which needed to be addressed. She asked if anyone had any old business to be brought before the assembly. There was none so Betsy stated we would proceed to new business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Audit Committee – Jodi Morgan reported that the audit committee met over the summer. She stated that all funds were accounted for. The books were then turned over to the new treasurer; Tori McMahan.

Proposed Budget – Treasurer Tori McMahan stated that the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year was included in the newsletter and hopefully everyone had time to review it. There are copies available at the sign in table. Tori addressed some line items specifically. Administrative supplies were decreased. Recognitions had an increase of \$50; she informed everyone that this committee recognizes school staff. She stated that Grandparent’s Day was added because it is an every other year event. Founder’s day was decreased by \$150. Educational programs had an increase of \$250. The cost of assemblies increases every year and this is our first increase in the budget in many years. Cell phones were decreased by \$100 because Mrs. Stevenson generously offered to pay this difference.

Tori also went on to discuss a decrease of \$75 for Three for Me and a line item was added for Family Activities because they sometimes need start up funds. The Book Fair was also added for start up funds. The Historical Yearbook and Communications are now taking over Administrative funds. Publications/Website has shown an increase of \$150 due to the change in the hosting website. Lastly, Tori reported a decrease in Insurance/Bonding costs due to the way our premium is calculated.

Betsy asked if there were any questions on the budget. She stated seeing that there are no questions Betsy asked if there was a motion to accept the budget for the James W. Alexander PTA 2007-2008 school year as presented. Debra Conti made a motion from the floor (Motion 2). Betsy stated let the record reflect that Deb Conti has presented a motion to accept this budget. (No second was needed as the motion came from the Executive Committee.)

Betsy went on to say that since there was a motion to accept the budget she would like to call for a vote. She stated we would be using the method called “unanimous consent.” If there are any members present who object to adopting the motion as presented, Betsy asked that they please rise. There were no objections. Betsy stated there being no objection the motion to approve the budget as presented passes by unanimous vote.

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Betsy announced the following schedule of General PTA meetings for the 2007-2008 school year: December 11<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 13<sup>th</sup>. The dates are in the handbook which was recently distributed and will also be listed on the school calendars.

Betsy asked if there was any other business to be discussed. She concluded the business portion of the meeting at 7:29. Betsy introduced Mrs. Stevenson to present the Back-To-School Night program.

### Motions

#1 Gene Queval moved to approve the proposed fundraisers for the 2007-2008 school year.

#2 Debra Conti moved to approve the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

*Debra Conti*

**Recording Secretary**