



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL
PTO MINUTES
April 8, 2016**

Attendees: Jamie Kingsley, Crissie Lauretano, Barbara Connery, Deb Goepel, Margaret Coe, Madelyn Battistoni, KC Chapman, Laurie Bernardi and Jessy Barone

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Jessy Barone, President

Spring Enrichments

There will be an author visit Thursday April 14th. Christine Ieronimo will be visiting JMS and sharing her children's book A Thirst for Home, A Story of Water Across the World. She visits schools hoping to raise childrens' awareness and bring attention to global problems in the world such as unclean water and education of girls in Ethiopia.

Upcoming Events

Spring Book Fair

The Scholastic "Buy One Get One" book fair will be held during the week of May 23rd-27th during school hours. It is being organized by Margaret Coe. Volunteers are needed to help run the fair. We also discussed that the PTO will work with the librarian, Madelyn Battistoni and show her how to organize and run the book fair. Vote taken and passed that Mrs. Battistoni will also use the current available balance of Scholastic Book Fair money to purchase needed items. Margaret Coe will also contact Scholastic district to schedule the fall and spring book fairs to coincide with parent teacher conferences.

Spelling Bee

The JMS book fair will take place on April 28th at 10am. The PTO spends about \$50.00 on gifts for the 1st and 2nd place winners. Barbara Connery mentioned that it is a possibility that medals or trophies will also be presented to winners. Traditionally, books are presented to the 1st and 2nd place winners.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Tuesday May 3rd. The PTO would like to honor JMS teachers by holding a potluck lunch provided by the students' parents. Volunteers are needed to make hot and cold food dishes. Room Moms are currently reaching out to parents to help coordinate food donations. JMS PTO will continue work with the room moms to organize the luncheon and send out an additional email or send a letter home if needed.

Arts Alive Day

Arts Alive Day will be held on Friday May 20th. Arts Alive is a day where all JMS students are exposed to new artistry and will expand their imagination. Each student will participate in 4 workshops lasting approximately 60 minutes. There will also be one large assembly that all JMS students will attend at the end of the day. Each workshop is managed by a parent or community member. Many more volunteers are needed to donate their time to teach students a new skill at a workshop. The PTO will continue to request more volunteers.

Fundraisers

Earth Day

Earth day is Friday April 22nd. Sally Szczechual requested funds from the PTO for items like insects for JMS students to study. Last year, the PTO paid \$250 for this learning experience. The PTO agreed to spend \$250 this year.

Bottle & Can Drive April 24th

JMS PTO will hold a bottle and can drive on Sunday April 24th from 9:00am-1:00pm in the front driveway. Jordana Hood arranged to have 1 or 2 MVFD fire trucks to park in the driveway for people to explore and draw attention to the drive.

Square One Art

Alison Storm will continue to organize and work with Laurie Sweet the art teacher on completing this fundraiser. Instead of holding this fundraiser in the fall it will take place in the spring 2017.

PURE Haven Essentials

Crissie Lauretano, a PURE Haven consultant, put on a workshop and fundraiser educating attendees about the all-natural product line. This fundraiser will give 30% of the profit to JMS PTO to put toward the development of the JMS science lab. Thank you to all of those who attended and purchased products and raffle tickets. So far, the profit is \$300.00 plus online sales.

Principal's Report

Science Lab

Principal KC Chapman discussed the creation of science lab at JMS. This is a great opportunity for JMS students leaving a lasting impression. This will also be a long term goal for the PTO to develop.

Soccer Goals

The soccer goals have been refinished and new nets were purchased by the PTO. They will arrive at JMS soon and will be anchored down for safety.

PTO Officers 2016-2017 Nominations

Margie Groht was nominated for the treasurer position for the 2016-2017 school year. Vote was taken and unanimously elected her for the position.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessy Barone PTO President