



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL  
PTO MINUTES  
January 3, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Jessy Barone, Laurie Bernardi, Margie Groht, KC Chapman and Kristen Davilla

Meeting called to order at 9:13 am by Jessy Barone, President

**Treasure's Report**

The current account balance is \$15,289.30. Treasurer, Margie Groht will compile a Treasure's Report listing the expenses and profits thus far for the 2016-2017 school year. The PTO will email out the report.

**Old Business**

**Candy Cane Lane**

JMS profited \$619.00 this year. The items were supplied by the "A Small World Gift Shop." Since the items so were not high quality, the PTO will look into a different store/supplier for next year. The cash register app was very helpful to ring up and cash out customers. The PTO earned a Drone for using the company which will be used in this year's auction.

**Stocking Stuffer Drive**

The JMS community generously donated many gifts, gift cards and toys, benefitting many Morris families. Items were sorted and given to the town hall for distribution to the families. Thank you to all who donated.

**Food Drive in Lieu of Teacher's Gifts**

\$595.00 in monetary donations and gift cards in addition to many nonperishable food items was given to the Morris Food Pantry instead of buying teachers gifts. A letter will be given to the teacher and staff acknowledging all families who donated. Thank you to all who donated.

## **Fall School Enrichment**

“Bubbleology, The Secret World of Bubbles, Revealed” by Keith Johnson performed this enrichment program at JMS on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2016. The program was engaging, entertaining and educational. The enrichment cost \$600.00.

## **New Business**

### **Inauguration Celebration**

Goshen, Warren and Morris students will participate in an inauguration celebration on January 12<sup>th</sup> at JMS. The PTO contributed \$225.00 toward the cost of patriotic decorations and supplies such as garland, bows, banners and large and small flags. The decorations can be reused for future events.

### **½ Day After School Program**

Early dismissal will take place on 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, and 5/10. Kristen Davilla from the Morris Beach and Rec Department and the JMS PTO would like to offer a supportive role to the Wamogo National Honor Society students who may offer after school activities on those half days. Parent volunteers are needed to help supervise these afterschool activities.

### **Principal’s Report**

Local Heroes Day will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. People are nominated for the honor by community members and are recognized this day. Also, The Celebration of Learning will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> followed by a concert. Mr. Chapman proposed that he may request some funds from the PTO for these events. Mr. Chapman also proposed that he may request funds toward the subscription to “Mystery Science Lab.”

### **Auction**

This year’s auction will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hall in Bethlehem. The facility is large enough to accommodate many people, has an extra meeting room for entertaining the children, has a large kitchen and has a microphone/speaker system. A \$300.00 deposit has been paid. Memorial Hall also requires a security officer for the event which will cost an extra \$20.00/hr. The first committee auction meeting was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cardinal Grill. Cost was \$45.00 for coffee and dessert and tip. Another auction committee meeting will be scheduled.

### **Valentine’s Day Flower Sale**

The carnation flower sale will take place on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at JMS. The cost is \$1.00/flower. The PTO will request some donations from local businesses. The PTO will ask 4-H students and L.A.W. students to help attach ribbon to heart shaped cards.

### **Spring Book Fair**

Will be held at the end of May. It will not be organized or run by the PTO this year rather it will run by the JMS Library with help from Margaret Coe. Volunteers will be needed.

## **Open Floor**

Jessy Barone suggested holding a Bingo game night again before the auction. Mr. Chapman suggested also combining Bingo with a Sweet Treat Meet and Greet.

Minutes submitted by Jessy Barone, PTO President.