



## JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL

### PTO MINUTES

January 2015

**Attendees:** Jessy Barone, Laurie Bernardi, Margaret Coe, Laura Crane, KC Chapman, Barbara Connery, Missy Layman, Tina Maritano, Jean Leonard, Jessica Hodgkinson, Robin Moore

**Meeting called to order at 3:35** by Jessy Barone, President

**Treasurer Report:** Candy Cane Lane fundraiser profit \$1,782.10 . Christmas Stockings: Teachers donated \$100 from their Dress Down day fundraiser to supplement the Christmas stockings. Positive remarks from recipients. Hickory Stick Bookstore fundraiser profit \$139. Thank you again to the teachers that donated their time to read stories during out Hickory Stick fundraiser... Mrs. Connery and Mrs. Battistoni.

#### **Spring Field Trips:**

**Mystic Seaport & Planetarium.** Mrs. Connery presented to the PTO a field trip for the 3-6 graders. We opted for a guided tour rather than a self-guided tour and Mrs. Connery suggested that the teachers visit the website for Common core curriculum/language to choose an add-on program. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will choose a program together and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will choose a program together. The teachers will provide their program choice to Mrs. Connery. Mystic website also provides free print outs for activities prior to and after the field trip. The admission fee is \$15.50 and additional program fees will be added. We will like to keep the trip at \$20 or under. Students will bring their own lunches and transportation will be paid for by the PTO. Date will be determined by Mr. Chapman. 50% deposit is required 2 months in advance. 1:8 staff/student required.

**Connecticut Science Museum.** K-2 grades will attend the CT Science Museum. PTO will look into the cost for the transportation. Admission to museum is \$7.50 for school program. Areas of interest: Weather and Matter. Teachers will pick a date.

**Valentine's Day Flower Sale:** Jessy Barone suggested a carnation flower sale with messages attached for friends, family, teachers, etc.

**Spring Book Fair:** Margaret Coe will schedule the BOGO book fair for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. PTO suggested providing the Districts Summer Reading list prior to the book fair so students could purchase books on the list.

**Spring Auction:** Committees will need to be formed and the PTO will send out volunteer forms. Donation letter needed from Randy Day so volunteers may solicit donations for the event. PTO is searching for the appropriate venue and date. Classroom Art projects will begin next month. Items are needed for the Silent Auction, Kids Auction and the Raffle. Please contact a PTO member if you are willing to donate. PTO will request Tracy Keilty to MC the event once again. Jamie Fisher will be contacted for his culinary skills once again too.

Minutes submitted by,

Laura Crane, PTO secretary