



JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL PTO MINUTES January 6, 2016

Attendees: Crissie Lauretano, Laura Crane, Jody Lillis, Barbara Connery, Laurie Bernardi, Jessica Hodgkinson, Margie Groht, KC Chapman, Margaret Coe, and Jessy Barone.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Jessy Barone, President

Candy Cane Lane: Candy Cane Lane was a successful holiday shop enjoyed by many students. Students purchased gifts for their friends, family and pets. Profit is approximately \$1084.80

Christmas Stockings: The JMS students and families generously donated many gifts to the Christmas stocking stuffer drive benefitting many for Morris families.

Food Drive/Teachers Gifts: JMS students and families also donated nonperishable food items and \$602.00 in money and gift cards in lieu of teachers gifts to the Morris Food Bank.

Enrichment/Cultural Awareness Assembly: New Haven School of African Dance and Drumming will perform at JMS on Friday January 15th at 10am. Goshen and Warren Schools will travel to JMS to see the performance.

Fords Theater T-Shirts: PTO funded money for the Fords Theater T-Shirts for LAW Students. Barbara Connery expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the PTO.

Arts Alive: Will take place again this year this spring involving all students and grades. The date will be determined. Vote taken and vote passed to budget \$2500 to fund the cost of supplies. Barbara Connery and LAW students may also play a role in raising money to additionally fund it. PTO will ask local businesses for donations for the volunteer lunch.

iPad: Barbara Connery and KC Chapman expressed the need for additional iPads for kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Vote taken and vote passed to allocate \$2500 for new iPads.

Valentine's Day Flower Sale: Carnation flower sale will take place on Friday February 12th at JMS.

Spring Book Fair: The Scholastic Spring "Buy One Get One" Book Fair is scheduled for May 23rd -27th.

Bingo: There is a Bingo game night being planned at JMS for Friday February 19th at 6:00pm. The PTO is reaching out the Morris Senior Center trying to involve the senior residents for a fun night. Snacks and food/dinner will be sold.

Ava Anderson Nontoxic Organic Products: Crissie Lauretano proposed holding a fundraiser at JMS for Ava Anderson products. A percentage of sales will be given to JMS PTO. Date to be determined.

The Arts Desire: PTO is planning a 2 hour teacher guided painting party fundraiser at The Arts Desire in Torrington in March. 20-30% of ticket sales will be given to JMS PTO. Specific Date to be determined.

Minutes submitted by,

Jessy Barone PTO President