



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL  
PTO MINUTES  
February 3, 2016**

**Attendees:** Barbara Connery, Jessy Barone, Margaret Coe, Holly Tarrant, Tracy Barger, and Laurie Bernardi.

**Meeting called to order at 4:55 pm** by Jessy Barone, President

**Treasurer Report:**

2015-2016 school year profits and expensed discussed. Please see the attached documents for further information.

**Facebook Page**

New Face Book page created by Laurie Bernardi. Please visit us and friend us at “James Morris PTO.”

**New PTO Email Address**

JamesMorrisPTO@yahoo.com is our new email address. Please contact us with any questions, concerns or comments.

**Spring Field Trips**

Barbara Connery presented her idea for a field trip for grades 4-6; approximately 45 students to the Mattatuck Museum. The exhibit titled “The Greatest Muhammad Ali” includes a selection of Muhammad Ali memorabilia, including signed photos, from the personal collection of author Felix Rodriguez. Felix Rodriguez will be present to present Ali’s legacy. Vote taken and passed for the PTO to pay up \$380 for bus transportation.

**Author Visit**

Tracy Barger presented her idea for an author visit to JMS. Christine Ieronimo is the author of the book, A Thirst for Home. She will discuss points like the importance of and lack of clean water in certain countries and meeting our basic needs. Tracy will explore the opportunity to simultaneously hold this visit with Goshen and Warren Schools. Incorporating these ideas with

Makers Space and cluster enrichments discussed.

### **Soccer Goals and Nets:**

As a community service project, Wamogo students will refinish the old soccer goals by March 1st. The students will sand them down, straighten and repaint them. The PTO will purchase new nets. \$2000 were approved to buy new nets at the June 2015 PTO meeting. Once the soccer goals are accepted and new nets purchased, the remaining funds will be returned to the general PTO bank account.

### **Valentine's Day Flower Sale**

This year's flower sale will take place on Friday, February 12th during the school day. Carnations will be sold at \$1.00/flower. We have received many donations and we will purchase 300 more carnations. Barbara Connery will organize L.A.W. students to help with attaching paper hearts with ribbon to each flower.

### **Lovable Labels:**

This is a fundraiser organized by Laurie Bernardi. "Don't Lose it – Label it!" Parents can create and customize labels for all of their children's belongings. They are water proof, laundry safe, sunscreen safe, microwave safe, bleach safe and dishwasher safe. A flyer and a booklet were sent home. Orders can be done online or return the order form with a check from the booklet Due by Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.JMSPTO.LovableLabels.ca](http://www.JMSPTO.LovableLabels.ca)

### **Bingo Game Night**

This will be a fun fundraiser held on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm in the JMS Cafeteria. Cost is \$4.00 per person (\$16 max per family); reusable game board included. Additional "single use" game sheets available for \$1.00. Snacks and pizza will be available for purchase. There will be a prize for every game and a jackpot winner for the last game.

### **Arts Desire**

Will be held on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm at the Arts Desire located at 97 Main St, Torrington, CT 06790. The Cost is \$35.00 per person. Unlock you inner artist in a creative and fun environment. This teacher-guided class will help you nurture your painting skills to create your own canvas masterpiece. It is open to all adults who would like to express their creativity while enjoying each other's company. We will have a raffle, giving you the opportunity to win some great prizes. Please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser to purchase your ticket. <http://the-arts-desire.ticketleap.com/march-6-paint-to-support-the/>

### **Earth Day**

In celebration Earth day on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a bottle and can drive fundraiser will be held. The date of the drive is to be determined.

**Arts Alive**

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>

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. Each workshop is managed by a parent or community member. We discussed various ideas for workshops. Many more volunteers are needed to donate their time to teach students a new skill at a workshop.

**Spring Book Fair**

The Scholastic "Buy One Get One" book fair will be held during the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Volunteers are need to help run the fair.

**Teacher Appreciation Day**

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The PTO would like to honor JMS teachers by holding a potluck lunch provided by the students' parents. Volunteers are need to make hot and cold food dishes.

**PTO Officers 2015-2016 Nominations**

Accepting nomination for anyone interested in becoming or remaining a PTO officer for next school year 2015-2016. Email Principal Chapman your intent.

# JMS 2015-2016 School Year

## Expenses

Teachers Gifts	950.00
Note Pads**	229.36
JMS Water Bottles	350.00
A to Z Directory	200.00
Ice Cream Social	19.55
Sweet Treat Meet and Greet	24.32
Nature Nick's Animals Adventure	633.34
African Dancers	333.34
LAW T-shirts	300.00
iPad for K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade classes	2500.00
Arts Alive	*2500.00
Soccer Nets	*2000.00
Mattatuck Museum Field Trip	*380.00
A Thirst For Home Enrichment	*400.00
Spelling Bee	*50.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarships	*375.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade t-shirts	*250.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Calculators	*200.00
Field Day	
Cluster Enrichments	Funding no longer needed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,694.91</b>
**Expecting profit once all note pads are sold	
*Budgeted (Money not spent yet)	

# JMS 2015-2016 School Year

## Profit

Carnival	<b>347.44</b>
Scholastic Book Fair	<b>695.79</b>
Lyman Orchard Pie Sale	<b>1843.20</b>
Square One Art	<b>575.21</b>
Candy Cane Lane	<b>1118.05</b>
Arts Desire	<b>*350.00</b>
Valentine's Day Flower Sale	<b>*325.00</b>
Lovable Labels Fundraiser	<b>*200.00</b>
Bingo	<b>*200.00</b>
Earth Day Bottle & Can Drive	<b>*200.00</b>
Box Tops	<b>*200.00</b>
Ava Anderson Products	<b>To be scheduled for next school year</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6054.69</b>
*Estimated Profit	