



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL  
PTO MINUTES  
February 15, 2017**

**Attendees:**

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

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by Jessy Barone, President

**Treasure's Report**

Current Balance is \$15, 227.00

**Inauguration Celebration**

Goshen, Warren and Morris students participated 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. Mr. Chapman stated that the items were good quality.

**½ Day After School Programs**

The PTO offered to pay for the cost of supplies for the ½ day after school program on 2/7 offered by the Wamogo National Honor Society, but due to inclement weather the school schedule changed and the program was cancelled. No supplies were purchased.

**New Business**

**Teacher Appreciation Day**

The PTO would like to honor JMS teachers by holding a potluck lunch provided by the students' parents. This year it will be scheduled for Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are need to make hot and cold food dishes. The PTO will assign each grade a category of food dish to contribute.

## **Earth Day Bottle and Can Drive**

In celebration Earth day on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a bottle and can drive fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The time of the drive is to be determined. The PTO will send out an email announcing the drive. Jessy Barone will contact "Friends of Morris" to see if they will donate their collection of bottles and can to this drive. Mr. Chapman will reach out to 6<sup>th</sup> graders requesting their time to help count the bottles and cans.

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

The carnation flower sale took place on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at JMS. Flowers were sold at \$1.00/flower. The PTO profited \$80.00. It was suggested that the flower sale be held in the afternoon instead of the morning and that the flower stems be cut shorter to avoid broken stems and flowers.

## **Spring Enrichments**

The PTO would like to have Richard Sobol an author/photographer present "Breakfast in the Rainforest." The total cost to the visit is \$875.00. Two hundred dollars was requested and will be contributed from JMS. Vote taken and passed unanimously that the PTO will pay the remaining balance of \$675.00 for the spring enrichment.

## **Spring Field Trips**

Currently, there are no spring field trips planned. Principal Chapman will discuss spring field trips with the teachers. The PTO has previously voted and set aside one thousand dollars to contribute to field trips for this school year.

## **The Pasta Dinner and Auction**

The PTO is continuing to plan this year's auction. There have been two auction committee meetings held to discuss the details. The next committee meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at the Salt Water Grille.

## **Bingo and the Sweet Treat Meet and Greet**

The PTO will hold a meet and greet combined with a Bingo game night on March 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. This is a pot luck dessert event where the community can meet the PTO officers and enjoy Bingo with their children.

## **Science Lab**

The Science Lab is a work in progress. Principal Chapman will work with parents in cleaning and organizing the room. Jessy Barone will contact Robin Christopher (Art Educator) at Wamogo and inquire about students volunteering their time to create and paint science related wall murals.

Minutes submitted by Jessy Barone, PTO President.