



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL
PTO MINUTES
March 7, 2017**

Attendees:

Laurie Bernardi, Margie Groht, Marsha Doran and Jessy Barone

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Jessy Barone, President

Treasure's Report

Current Balance is \$15,202.35

Old Business

Valentine's Day Flower Sale

Jessy Barone restated that the carnation flower sale took place on Tuesday, February 14th 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.

New Business

Square One Art

The Square One Art projects were finished by the students in February and sent back to the company on 2/23. The students' artwork proofs arrived back to JMS and were sent home in mid-March. The deadline to order artwork products is 3/24. The final products will arrive at JMS on 4/18 and will then be sent home. Alison Storm purchased markers for the students. The PTO will reimburse here. She will also let the PTO know the profit made from this fundraiser.

Spring Enrichment

Author/Photographer Richard Sobol visited JMS on 03/07 and presented "Breakfast in the Rainforest." Mr. Sobal presented three separate sessions to grades PreK-2, 3-4 and 5-6. The total cost of the visit was \$875.00. The PTO will be reimbursed \$200.00 by JMS.

Bingo and the Sweet Treat Meet and Greet

The PTO will hold a meet and greet combined with a Bingo game night on March 9th 6-8pm. This is a pot luck dessert event where the community can meet the PTO officers and enjoy Bingo with their children. The PTO will provide lemonade, water, coffee, cookies, and prizes.

Earth Day Bottle and Can Drive

In celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd, a bottle and can drive fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 23rd from 9:00 to 1:30pm. The PTO will send out email reminders announcing the drive. "Friends of Morris" will donate their collection of bottles and cans collected at the town transfer station to this drive. 6th graders can volunteer counting the bottles and cans while receiving community service credit. The PTO will need to determine a rain date. Jessy Barone presented the idea of also collecting small electronics at the drive which can also help earn money for the PTO.

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. Jessy Barone suggested a field trip to Arethusa Dairy Farm. Jessy will contact Arethusa to discuss details.

Spelling Bee

The spelling bee will be held during March. The PTO has given gifts to the top 2-3 winners in the past. Jessy will contact Barbara Connery to offer this gift again.

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 2nd. Volunteers are needed to make hot and cold food dishes. The PTO will assign each grade a category of food dish to contribute. Laurie Bernardi suggested giving the teachers a toaster oven and a can opener to use in the teacher/staff room to show appreciation to JMS teachers and staff.

Harlem Wizards

Liz Tanner Horn connected Jessy Barone presenting the idea of having the Harlem Wizards come to RSD6 for a fundraiser. The Harlem Wizards can visit Warren, Goshen and Morris elementary schools during the day, then put on a show at Wamogo including a Harlem Wizards vs. teachers game. The PTO would benefit from ticket sales 50/50 and concession sales. The total price is \$635 plus the cost of lodging which is divided between the 3 schools. The PTO voted and agreed that this is a fundraiser JMS PTO would like to participate in.

Science Lab

The Science Lab is a work in progress. Principal Chapman worked with parents in cleaning, organizing and setting up the room. Jessy Barone contacted Robin Christopher (Art Educator)

at Wamogo and inquire about students volunteering their time to create and paint science related wall murals.

The Pasta Dinner and Auction

The PTO is continuing to plan this year's auction. The next committee meeting will be held March 28th at 7pm at the Salt Water Grille to continue with planning. The PTO is grateful for the donations they continue to receive from JMS families and the community. Marsha Doran is continuing to work on the classroom projects which are almost all completed.

Planning Session

Margie Groht suggested holding a planning session to organize and map out next school year's events and dates.

Minutes submitted by Jessy Barone, PTO President.