



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL  
PTO MINUTES  
March 8, 2016**

**Attendees:** KC Chapman, Laurie Bernardi, Margie Groht, Jordana Hood, Crissie Lauretano, Kristen Edwards and Jessy Barone

**Meeting called to order at 2:18 by Jessy Barone**

**Old Business**

Fundraiser Profits

Valentine's Day Flower Sale 333.50 Profit

Lovable Labels \$22.34 Profit

Bingo Game Night \$232.25 Profit

Arts Desire \$159.00 Profit

**New Business**

**Spring Enrichments**

Arts Alive Day will be held on 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 such as: cupcake decorating, ceramics, dance, gardening/recyclable planter, wood working, stained glass/sun catchers, mobile making, tile painting, tie dying, karate, garden stones, wind chimes and yoga. It was also suggested to reach out to the FFA students at Wamogo to volunteer and contact Home Depot for kit/project donations. Mr. Chapman will contact White Memorial to see if they will participate in a work shop. Many more volunteers are needed to donate their time to teach students a new skill at a workshop The PTO will continue to request more volunteers.

**Spring Field Trip**

\$380 Budgeted for transportation to the Mattatuck Museum for grades 4-6 for approximately 45 students.

### **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. It is being organized by Margaret Coe. Volunteers are needed to help run the fair.

### **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. Tracy is continuing to work on coordinating this visit with Goshen and Warren Schools. \$450 was budgeted for the visit.

### **Spelling Bee**

Will be held this spring. The PTO will fund money for gifts for the top 2-3 winners.

### **Earth Day Bottle & Can Drive**

Earth day is Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

JMS PTO will hold a bottle and can drive on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Time to be determined. Jordana Hood suggested having a MVFD fire truck come which will help draw attention and the children will enjoy exploring the fire truck. Laurie Bernardi suggested having a bulb sale in conjunction with the bottle and can drive. Margie Groht also suggested selling forced bulbs that are ready to bloom especially if they are to be given as Mother's day gifts.

### **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

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 needed to make hot and cold food dishes. JMS PTO will work with the room moms to organize the luncheon.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Chapman spoke about collaborating with the PTO on funding a science room for all JMS students.

### **Soccer Goals/Nets**

Wamogo Students are continuing to fix the soccer goals. The project should be completed before the end of March. The JMS PTO is working with the Morris Rec. Dept. to order new nets.

### **PTO Officers 2016-2017 Nominations**

Accepting nominations for anyone interested in becoming or remaining a PTO officer for next school year 2016-2017. Vacant positions are treasurer and secretary. Email Principal Chapman your intent.