



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

**Attendees:** Jessy Barone, Missy Layman, Jody Lee Lillis, Margie Groht, Crissie Lauretano, and Laurie Bernardi,

**Meeting called to order** at 6:34 pm by Jessy Barone, President

**Past Spring Events**

**Spelling Bee**

The PTO paid for participation ribbons and medals for the spelling bee participants. Total Cost was \$28.51

**Earth Day Bottle & Can Drive**

This drive was held on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Laurie Bernardi and Jessy Barone volunteered at the drive and accepted many donations. Virginia, George and Jessy Barone brought a truck and trailer filled with recyclables to Fran's Cans and Bart's Bottles in Watertown, CT. "Friends of Morris" donated their recyclables to JMS. Mark and Jessy Barone picked up a separate truck load from the Morris Transfer/Recycling Center and also brought them down to the redemption center where they are counting up the cans. We are waiting for the final amount of money raised. Thank you to all who donated.

**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

The Luncheon was on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to honor and show appreciation to JMS teachers and staff. Thank you to all of the parents who brought in food, beverages and supplies for this event. There was a great variety of food to eat. The teachers and staff were all very appreciative of the luncheon.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Spring Book Fair**

Margaret Coe is organizing the spring Scholastic Buy One Get One book fair. It will be held during school May 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent home. Volunteers are needed to help run the book fair. Margie Groht presented information from Barefoot Books. This information will be compared to the Scholastic Book Fair as a possible alternative.

### **Arts Alive Day**

Arts Alive Day will be held on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Jessy Barone presented all of the workshops. Volunteers and teachers will be asked which workshop they would like to volunteer in and then they will be assigned a workshop for the day.

### **Field Day**

Field Day will be held on 6/3, rain date 6/10. Jessy Barone will ask True Value if they will donate their snow cone machine for the day. The PTO can purchase the flavored syrup.

### **K-2 Field Trip**

Jean Leonard proposed via email to the PTO a K-2 field trip to Imagination Nation and requested funds from the PTO for the bus transportation. The K-2 team is in the early planning stages. Bus transportation will cost \$375.00. Vote taken and passed approval of funds.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip**

Tina Maritano proposed via email to the PTO a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to the Institute for American Indian Studies Museum and Research Center with Goshen Center School. She requested funds from the PTO for the bus transportation. PTO will fund \$175 for it.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip**

Missy Layman presented to the PTO a 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Pratt Nature Center. She requested \$10 per student to help fund the cost of the field trip. The PTO will fund \$90 for a total of 9 students.

## **Other Matters**

### **Six Grade Calculators**

Traditionally, the PTO purchases calculators for the graduating 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. This year the PTO will pay for the calculators. The total cost is \$220.00.

### **Scholarships:**

Barbara Hart from Wamogo contacted Jessy Barone about the JMS PTO funding

the Howard Miller and David Benjamin awards. Traditionally, the JMS PTO are the sponsors of these two scholarships awarded annually to two Morris Seniors. Each recipient is given \$250. Some PTO members were interested in learning about the qualifications and requirements of the scholarships. Jessy Barone will discuss this with Barbara Hart and share with requirements at the next PTO meeting.

### **Soccer Goals:**

The soccer goal have arrived. They are fixed freshly painted and have new nets. The JMS students are enjoying playing soccer with them during recess.

### **Science Lab:**

Crissie Lauretano shared that PURE Haven Essentials has raised \$325 toward the science lab. More funds will be raised at an upcoming PURE Haven party.

### **Principal's Report**

On behalf of all JMS staff, thank you so much for incredible lunch today! Again, our parents went above and beyond.

Box Tops rewards of \$163 were deposited this week.

Soccer goals are in and look great. Mrs. Layman's students made cards to thank the Wamogo students who worked on them.

Support for upcoming field trips for grade 2 and grade 4 will be requested soon. Budget has been approved. Specific items for science lab will be organized and ordered within next couple of months.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessy Barone, PTO President.