



JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL

PTO MINUTES

June 2015

Attendees: Jessy Barone, Laurie Bernardi, Margaret Coe, Laura Crane, KC Chapman, , Missy Layman, Tina Maritano, Tracy Barger, Pam Phalen

Meeting called to order at 3:40 by Jessy Barone, President

Old Business:

Spring Enrichments:

- **Literacy Night May 21st "Remembering Lincoln"** PTO expense: Second CT armory \$100, Red, White & Blue reception costs \$40.22.
- **Visiting Mexican Artists in-class Enrichment program:** Kevin and Ale Connery. Expense: \$500
- **eeSmarts Energize Guys** National Theater Company, Minnesota, specializes in writing & performing educational live theater shows. The Energizer Guyz performed a live 25-minute show on 4/23/15 teaching the importance of energy efficiency through a fun experience for FREE.

Spring Events:

- **Earth Day Bottle Drive:** A successful bottle drive held on 4/26/15 at JMS School. Oakville redemption counted the bottles and cans.
- **Auction, raffle & Pasta Dinner:** Treasurer provided an expense report for the very SUCCESSFUL auction that was held on May 8, 2015! Total earned: \$14,427 with a profit, after expenses of \$10,181.92.
- **Field trips:** CT Science Center for grades K-2 and Mystic Seaport for 3-6 graders. PTO funded the transportation: \$410 for CT Science Center and \$1,230 for Mystic. Mr. Chapman will discuss long term plans for the year with the teachers. All students wore JMS t-shirts.
- **Book Fair BOGO/Scholastic bucks/Teacher gifts:** Sold \$2,172 but the schools profit is the BOGO for this book fair. We may have received a Bonus for the amount of sales. PTO still has Scholastic Bucks to spend before they expire. We

will like to offer \$100 to the teachers to purchase classroom items. There will still be a small amount of scholastic bucks leftover but we will save for awards/prizes, etc. Teachers will receive an email invite from Scholastic for shopping.

- **Spelling bee:** PTO gave \$50 to Mr. Pane for prizes
- **Teacher Appreciation luncheon:** Teachers said they ate for days and appreciated all the healthy choices provided by our wonderful parents.
- **Field Day:** Great weather and all were happy. PTO provided popsicles.
- **Scholarships:** PTO followed tradition and provided the Wamogo school counselor with two \$250 scholarship awards. Awards were given this week to 2 Morris students at Wamogo.
- **6th Grade gifts:** PTO and the principal fund purchased scientific calculators for all graduates. They will be presented graduation night to the students. Total costs: \$193.37

Treasurer Report

- See attached expense reports

Upcoming Events & 2015-2016 Expenses:

- **Carnival:** Set carnival date for Saturday, September 19th. Volunteers will be obtained over the summer.
- **Soccer Nets:** Motion made to accept to spend up to \$2,000 for two soccer nets for JMS. Mr. Neik will assist in purchasing commercial soccer/field hockey nets.
- **Water Bottles:** Motion made to accept to spend up to \$350 for logo water bottles for all students. JMS water bottles will given to all students and available at cost to Pre-K.
- **Principal Enrichment Proposal:** Motion made to accept to spend up to \$1,000 for the 2015-2016 school year for in-classroom enrichment programs.

PTO Officers 2015-2016 Nominations and Vote:

Treasurer and Secretary Positions open.

Minutes submitted by,

Laura Crane, PTO secretary

