



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL
PTO MINUTES
October 5, 2016**

Attendees: Barbara Connery, Madelyn Battistoni, Jessy Barone, Laurie Bernardi, Kevin Curley, Marsha Doran, Alisa Wright, Jamie Kingsley, Margaret Coe, Sharron Kozikowski, Crissie Lauretano, Hope Sattazahn, Margie Groht, KC Chapman and John Threlfal.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Jessy Barone, President

Bulletin Board Kit

On behalf of Tina Radwan, the Wellness teacher, Mrs. Wright, requested funds for a "Fruit and Vegetable of the Month Super Bulletin Board Kit." Tina Radwan, the Nutrition Services Cafeteria Manager wants to use it as a healthy eating teaching and incentive tool for students. This is a customizable kit which features a monthly fruit and vegetable, recipes, trivia cards, information, sheets, a CD, nutrition tips and more. The PTO will pay \$119.95 for it.

National Oratory Fellows Program/Fords Theater

Barbara Connery requested \$500.00 from the PTO for a Fords Theater Oratory trip for service learning. (The total cost is \$1600). The National Oratory Fellows program is a professional development program for educators, who will learn

how to use oratory and performance as teaching strategies in history and language arts classrooms. It will involve using technology like video conferencing/Skype and professional development. Two JMS students will be selected to attend a trip to Washington, DC in May at Ford's Theatre. Vote taken and it was unanimously passed for the PTO to fund \$500.00.

JMS Security

John Threlfal, the region 6 director of security discussed school security, fire drills and lockdown drills. He stated that, "As a whole district, the students and staff do a good job." The scheduling of drills is unannounced and may be done at inconvenient times. There are also safe school climate committee meetings that parents can participate in

Square One Art

Alison Storm is leading this fundraiser. Last meeting we discussed and agreed to sending the paper/packet home to complete and return for a fall fundraiser, but in the April 8th meeting it was decided that the this fundraiser will take place in the spring of 2017. The decision for this to occur in the spring stands. Alison and Square One Art have already set up deadline dates.

JMS Welcome Back Carnival

The carnival occurred on Saturday Sept. 24th. The carnival is a community outreach event. The PTO thanked all of the teachers, staff, parents and student volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the day. The PTO profited approximately \$250.00 Madelyn Battistoni suggested for next year that the carnival be scheduled closer to October 1st in relation to Caine's Arcade. Students can make and have their homemade carnival games featured and played. Margie Groht suggested holding the carnival on the same day as the Fall Festival to bring in a greater crowd. Scheduling on the Garlic Festival and the Warren Fall Festival should be avoided.

A to Z Directory

Jessy Barone and Hope Sattazahn will work together to gather and enter new data. The PTO will add a link onto the E-Blast to help parents access the site easier. Flyers will also be distributed home. Some parents had trouble with app. It is suggested to delete the old app and download the newest app version. The cost is \$250.00 for the school year.

Lyman Orchard Pie Sale Fundraiser

Pies sales were scheduled to start 10/3. Order Forms went out on 10/5 are due back on 10/18. Pies will be delivered at 12:30pm on 11/3.

Candy Cane Lane

Laurie Bernardi is in contact with “A Small World” company and is setting up the details to use this company for our JMS holiday/Christmas gift shop. Dates and times for the store hours need to be determined.

Stocking Stuffer Drive

Jessy Barone will contact the town hall and ask to be provided with the genders and ages of children who are in need. Each child will be assigned to a classroom. Parents suggested that they would like to know what the “likes” of each child are to make purchasing gifts easier.

School Enrichments

No enrichments have been scheduled yet. The PTO officers will keep in contact with Principal Chapman about scheduling an enrichment this fall.

Auction

The auction will take place this spring. The PTO officers would like to hold an auction committee meeting at the Cardinal Grill to discuss planning the auction. They will provide snacks. Laurie Bernardi is in contact with the Cardinal Grill and will try to schedule a meeting for Nov. 6th in the afternoon. The PTO will pay \$5.00 per person to attend.

Principal's Report

KC Chapman presented a school beautification project with one of goals adding a more welcoming elementary feel. Principal Chapman and some parents did a walkthrough of the school and identified areas needing attention. He also addressed adding more primary colors and hanging students' artwork.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place October 17th-22nd during the day and during parent teacher conferences. Margaret Coe is organizing his event. She will send out a flyer and is asking for volunteers. The PTO will also assist by sending out a mass email. Margaret will have a meeting with Mr. Chapman and Mrs.

Battistoni, the instructional specialist to discuss transferring the responsibility of running the book fair to Mrs. Battistoni.

Nomination of Secretary Position

Hope Sattazahn was nominated for the vacant secretary position and was unanimously elected for the position.

Open Floor

No other matters proposed or discussed.

Minutes submitted by,
Jessy Barone, PTO President