



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL
PTO MINUTES
November 1, 2016**

Attendees: Jessy Barone, Laurie Bernardi, Crissie Lauretano, Hope Sattazahn, & Margie Groht.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Jessy Barone, President

Old Business

JMS Welcome Back Carnival

The carnival occurred on Saturday Sept. 24th. The carnival is a community outreach event. The PTO profited more than stated in the October PTO meeting
The carnival income was \$921.60. Expenses were \$640.10. The total profit is \$281.50.

Cafeteria Bulletin Board Kit

Prior to the PTO meeting Tina Radwan, the Nutrition Services Cafeteria Manager expressed how appreciative she was for the Fruit and Vegetable of the Month Super Bulletin Board Kit." The total cost of the kit was \$134.90.

New Business

Lyman Orchard Pie Sale Fundraiser

226 pies were sold. The total amount paid to MCM Fundraising Inc. was \$2,236.04. The total

profit with the early sign-up bonus was \$1,605.96. The pies will be delivered to JMS on November 3rd at 12:30pm and will be distributed in the afternoon.

Candy Cane Lane

This is JMS's holiday store where students have an opportunity to shop on their own for family, friends and pets. They will visit Candy Cane Lane with their class or independently with permission from their teacher. This year, the items will be supplied by the "A Small World Gift Shop." They offer an easy to use cash register via their online app. Items will be delivered November 16th. Items will be set up in room 202 upstairs prior to Thanksgiving break. The store will be open Tuesday November 29th through Thursday, December 1st during school hours. More volunteers are need to run the store. Jessy Barone will send out an email asking for volunteers.

Stocking Stuffer Drive

The PTO is asking families to donate toys, gifts and gift cards for children in need. Jessy Barone will contact the town hall and ask to be provided with the genders and ages of those children. Each classroom will be assigned 1 or 2 students. A notice will be sent home prior to the Thanksgiving break. Parents suggested that they would like to know what the "likes" of each child are to make purchasing gifts easier. All gift items are due by Monday December 12th.

Food Drive in Lieu of Teacher's Gifts

The PTO is asking if families would like to donate nonperishable food items, monetary donations or gift cards to the Morris Food Pantry instead of buying teachers gifts. The PTO will accept donations until December 12th. The family or child's name should be included with the donation in order to acknowledge each family in a letter sent to the teachers and staff. It was suggested that placing a box in the classroom may make it easier to collect items.

Fall School Enrichment

"Bubbleology, The Secret World of Bubbles, Revealed" by Keith Johnson is the next enrichment program that will occur at JMS. Jessy Barone will arrange a date and time in November for the enrichment.

Auction

A meeting to discuss this year's auction will be held at 4:00pm on November 6th at the Cardinal Grill. Jessy Barone will send out an email and request RSVP's. Topics to discuss are: Food (desserts, beverages, supplies), entertainment, class projects by room mothers, set up, clean up, yellow ticket raffle, live auction, silent auction, kids raffle, advertising, assigning volunteers to be committee chairpersons, assigning a master list writer.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessy Barone, PTO President