



**JAMES MORRIS SCHOOL  
PTO MINUTES  
October 10, 2017**

**Attendees:** Jennifer Humphries-Finch, Jamie Kingsley, Margaret Coe, Margie Groht, Stephanie Patletsky, Christine Lauretano, KC Chapman, Jessy Barone, and Kevin Curley.

Meeting called to order at 9:35am by Jessy Barone, President

**Treasurer Report**

Current balance: \$22,874.39 as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
This amount does not include the profit from the Carnival

**Carnival**

Carnival profit: \$352.83. The Carnival was held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The day was fun for everyone. Positive feedback from all.

**Teachers Gifts**

19 teachers will each receive a fifty dollar gift card from Amazon.com to purchase supplies from their classroom and students.

**Book Fair**

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Fodor, the library media specialist and Margaret Coe, the point person are organizing the book fair. They need parent volunteers to help run it. Mr. Chapman will send out an email request for volunteers.

**Next Meeting Dates & Time**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Freund's Farm Fall Pie Sale Fundraiser**

Freund's Farm is located in East Canaan, CT and will supply pies for the JMS fall fundraiser instead of Lyman Orchard. \$5.00 per pie goes back to JMS. In addition to fruit pies, there will be cookie dough and savory meal pies available for purchase. Pie order forms will be sent out soon. Jessy Barone will work with Freund's Farm on changing the due date for order forms

from 10/20 to 10/23, and will also change the frozen pie delivery day from 11/7 to 11/8. The farm will provide samples to be given out during parent teacher conferences

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

### **Heroes Day**

Is being organized by Jessy Barone. Jessy will send the signed application back for landing an Army Blackhawk helicopter and will wait for a confirmed date from the army. Ideally, the preferred date is 12/15 (the day of the 3-school reading celebration). Mr. Chapman and Jessy will ensure that our JMS service-parents are invited.

### **Candy Cane Lane**

Jessy Barone will research different companies to supply merchandise. Store set up will take place on Monday 12/4, store open to students on 12/5-12/7, clean up 12/8. Volunteers will be needed to help set up/clean up and run the store.

### **Stocking Stuffer Drive**

Jessy Barone will contact the town hall requesting the ages, genders and likes/dislikes of those children who are in need. Each child will be assigned to a classroom. KC Chapman and Jessy will discuss how to appropriately balance out assigning those in need to each classroom depending on its size.

### **Food Drive in Lieu of Teacher's Gifts**

JMS PTO will continue with the food drive again this year. Students can donate nonperishable food items in lieu of giving teachers gifts which will then be donated to the Morris food pantry.

### **Principal's Message**

**Outside Classroom:** The outdoor classroom is still in the planning stages. Mr. Chapman will speak with Andrew Zielinski from the Ag-Sci department at Wamogo about engineered (more substantial-looking) posts. Mark Barone will speak to his contacts about concrete pad costs. Maintenance costs, furniture costs, students' contributions to the project (e.g. handprints in concrete, painting stools, etc.) also discussed.

**Reading Celebration:** Will be held at JMS on 12/15 where Goshen and Warren schools will also attend. Discussed was collecting and holding a book swap and donations for classrooms libraries and then donation to schools in need.

### **Open Floor**

**Family Trivia Night:** Suggested was holding a Family Trivia Night in the spring. Teachers can submit questions pertaining to the lessons they have taught in the classroom. This event can provide fun and entertainment with families along with some friendly competition.

**TerraCycling:** Jennifer Finch is the point person for this recycling program. She gave a presentation to the LAW students. KC will purchase bins/barrels for recycling items. Tentatively the kick off date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Chapman, Jessy Barone and Jennifer will meet to discuss the details. This is a collection/recycling program where students collect foil-lined energy protein granola bars, Febreze containers, Go-Squeeze products, dental floss containers,

Entenmann's little bites snack pouches and cereal bags. Items are shipped back to the company and based upon the amount received, points are acquired resulting in raised funds for JMS.

Minutes submitted by,  
Jessy Barone, PTO President