

**Jamaican Mission Program  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 21, 2009**

**Directors Present:** Jenna Gander-Sebranek , Dave Kepler, Bryan Myers, Nichole Myers, Cindy Olson, Lindsey Olson, Micah Nee-Piasecki, Terry Sebranek, and Lyndi Venglish

**Guests Present:** Nancy Degner, Teresa Ramsden, and Kathy Wanek.

**Agenda:**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of the May 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Business
  - Fundraising
  - 2010 Trip
  - Trip Talk
  - By Law Changes
- Next Meeting Information
- Adjourn

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** The July 21, 2009 Jamaican Mission Program (JMP) Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by JMP President Bryan Myers. Bryan thanked Lyndi and Justin for cooking us a great supper and for hosting the meeting this evening.

**2. Approval of the June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Terry Sebranek and was seconded by Lyndi Venglish to approve the June 16, 2009 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Dave Kepler reported the following financial report:

Starting Balance 6-1-09:	\$1524.48
Deposits:	\$1182.10
Withdrawals:	\$55.00
Ending Balance 6-30-09:	\$2651.58

Further July deposits and withdrawals were also noted.

A motion was made by Lyndi Venglish and was seconded by Lindsey Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

#### 4. Business

- a. Fundraising - It was decided that the upcoming fundraising events will be discussed at future meetings since there is sufficient planning time between now and the next event.
- b. 2010 Trip – The chosen dates are Jan 13 – Jan 20. The price remains about \$1200 per person for the one week trip. Linda can begin booking at any time. She can be reached at 920-988-3212 to book.
- c. Trip Talk – Micah checked with bowling alley regarding using their banquet room on a weeknight for the talk. Preliminary discussion with the Phoenix Center indicated that we could use the space for no fee and it appears that a limited amount of food will be allowed. By group consensus, it was determined that we will hold our talk on Tuesday, August 18 with *A Taste of Jamaica* at 6:30 PM and the talk to start at 7:00 PM. We will also hold our regular monthly meeting following the talk. Nichole and Bryan volunteered to cook. They will be preparing pumpkin rice, jerk pork, jerk chicken, and Jamaican vegetables. It was also decided that we will buy soda from the Phoenix Center for our event. For the presentation, Bryan volunteered to speak. Everyone else agreed to be available for questions during and after the talk. Everyone was asked to bring photo albums and souvenirs to show our guests. Bryan will prepare a presentation to go with his talk. Micah was asked to confirm the date and time of our talk with the Phoenix Center and to update the committee. Advertising for the *Taste* and presentation was discussed. It was determined that Bryan will write a brief article for the newspapers. Dave Kepler will contact WRCO to have it listed on the Community Calendar. Lyndi Venglish will contact the Boscobel Dial and the Progressive with the article. Nichole will place an ad in the Shopping News and Cindy Olson will contact the Richland Observer to place the article. It was decided that the information about the event should be run the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Once Micah confirms the Phoenix Center, Bryan will distribute the ad articles electronically to everyone so that they can make their contacts. If the Phoenix Center is not available, Bryan has reserved Pippin Hall at the Richland Hospital as a backup location.
- d. By Law Changes – As briefly discussed at last month's meeting, the committee would like to consider a change to the Jamaican Mission Program's mission statement and the addition of a donation policy to the by laws, and an update to the by laws to include the expansion of the board of directors.
  - i. Several directors indicated an interest in expanding the scope of the Jamaican Mission Program to be able to help Jamaicans in general and not limiting our aid to Westhaven. This aid could be in the form of purchasing a piece of equipment for an individual child, donation of money directly to Westhaven, or sponsoring students to attend college. The original mission statement is "Provide financial and logistical support to local individuals and groups interested in volunteering and performing mission work in Jamaica." The proposed, new, mission statement is: **"Provide financial and logistical support to local individuals and groups interested in volunteering, performing mission work in Jamaica and providing support for Jamaicans."** The Jamaican Mission Program Board of Directors will vote to accept the revised mission statement at the August meeting.
  - ii. Discussion was also held regarding how monies are donated to the Jamaican Mission Program. A policy regarding this discussion will be drafted for the directors to review and discuss at the August meeting.

- iii. Copies of the revised by laws relating to the expansion of the board of directors from 9 to 11 will be brought to the August meeting for approval and signature by the Board of Directors.

**Next Meeting Information:** The next JMP meeting is scheduled for:

*Tuesday, August 18, 2009*

*6:30 PM Taste Of Jamaica*

*7:00 PM 2010 Trip Talk*

*Meeting to follow the conclusion of the Trip Talk*

*At The Phoenix Center (or Pippin Hall as backup location)*

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Bryan Myers at 7:45 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Nichole Myers*

**Jamaican Mission Program Secretary**