

**Jamaican Mission Program
Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2009**

Directors Present: Dave Kepler, Bryan Myers, Nichole Myers, Cindy Olson, Lindsey Olson, Terry Sebranek, Deb Walton, Linda Wanless, and Rob Wanless.

Guests Present: Erin Linscheid, Joellen Parkhurst, and Sue Rynes.

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of the November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Business
 - By Law Changes
 - 2010 Trip
 - Chicago Hotel
 - Volunteers
 - Ground Transportation in Jamaica
 - Projects
 - Vacation Days
 - Luggage Information
 - Other Important Information
 - Westhaven Update
 - Bowling Tournament Update
- Next Meeting Information
- Adjourn

1. Call Meeting to Order: The December 15, 2009 Jamaican Mission Program (JMP) Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by JMP President Bryan Myers. Bryan thanked Nichole Myers providing us with supper.

2. Approval of the November 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Cindy Olson and was seconded by Linda Wanless to approve the November 17, 2009 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Starting Balance 11-1-09:	\$2,922.95
Deposit:	\$0
Withdrawal:	\$125.00 & \$1500.00
Ending Balance 11-30-09:	\$2,797.95

Dave Kepler reported that a check in the amount of \$125.00 was written to Terry Sebranek in October to reimburse him for the purchase of candy for the Canyon of Lights parade. A check was also written and sent to Mission Jamaica in the amount of a \$1500.00 donation that will pay for the supplies we will need for this year's projects. Additionally, Bryan Myers reported that he has received a donation of \$140.00 from Lionel and Joanne Baxter. It was determined that after the recent donation to Mission Jamaica, JMP has about \$1300.00 to spend this year. It was further determined that \$1000.00 will be

brought to Jamaica to pay for ground transportation and hired labor. A motion was made by Rob Wanless and was seconded by Cindy Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Business

- a. By Law Changes – The newly revised By Laws were circulated for signature and all remaining signatures from board members were obtained.
- b. 2010 Trip
 - i. Chicago Hotel – The hotel in Chicago is optional, but highly recommended. If volunteers would like to reserve a room and have not yet done so, contact our travel agent, Linda Kutzke at Jefferson Travel.

- ii. Volunteers – We have 15 volunteers this year:

Bryan and Nichole Myers

Rob and Linda Wanless

Dave Kepler and Erin Linscheid

Lindsey Olson, Cindy Olson, & Deb Walton

Jennifer Hartwell

Sue Rynes

Joellen Parkhurst

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Bryan noted that he has been in touch with the group from North Carolina and they have decided not to join us this year.

- iii. Ground Transportation in Jamaica – Bryan has finalized transportation arrangements with Joel on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for work at Westhaven, and Sunday for worship at Faith Chapel. This will cost JMP \$300.00. A motion was made by Lindsay Olson and was seconded by Rob Wanless to approve the ground transportation expense of \$300.00. Discussion was also held regarding the work day hours. According to Adrian Brown, the road from the intersection at the shopping center to the turn up the mountain has been widened and the traffic congestion in this area has been greatly reduced. It was determined that on Thursday, volunteers should plan to be on the bus for an 8:00 AM departure. The workday will last until 3:00 PM. If the traffic concerns persist, the following day's bus departure time (and workday completion time) may be adjusted.
- iv. Projects – Bryan Myers has been in touch with Jeff Peterson regarding projects for us. It was determined that we will work on the following projects: 5th cottage porch, chimney on another cottage, painting the bathroom in the big boy's cottage, and laying block for the pump house. The donation made to Mission Jamaica will cover the cost of the supplies for these projects.

Also discussed was hiring Jamaican labor. After some discussion, it was determined that we will hire Nossie for \$200.00 and will wait on committing to hiring Steely or Andrew (mason) depending on the progress made with the projects. It was further determined that labor should cost us no more than \$400.00.

- v. Vacation Days – Bryan Myers has arranged snorkeling in Negril through Sandals for \$15 per person. Transportation will cost about \$10 per person. Sandals has requested that we arrive at the resort for a 10AM boat departure. After snorkeling, we will get lunch and spend some time on the beach in Negril. In the late afternoon, Bryan has suggested

that we go to Rick's Café to see the cliff divers and watch the sunset. We could get dinner at Rick's or go to another cliff hotel for supper after sunset. Bryan will bring some dining suggestions to the next meeting for consideration.

Linda Wanless asked that we stop along the way to Negril at a public beach to look for shells. Depending on time, this can be done.

vi. Luggage Information -

Bag fees

For all flights except transatlantic

If you bought your ticket before August 26, 2009		If you bought your ticket on or after August 26, 2009	
	Online	Airport	
1 st Checked bag	\$15	\$20	\$20
2 nd Checked bag	\$25	\$30	\$30
3+ Checked bags	Pay at airport	\$100	\$100

Maximum weight is 50 lbs per bag and you can check a maximum of 9 bags.

Carry-on baggage

You're allowed one carry-on bag and one personal item. Personal items include a purse, briefcase or laptop bag.

Size requirements

- Up to 45 in/115 cm (14 x 9 x 22 in or 36 x 23 x 56 cm)
- Up to 40 lbs/18 kg

- vii. Other Important Information – The weather in Jamaica in January is in the upper 80's during the day and upper 70's to low 80's at night. When packing, keep this in mind. For work, bring comfortable clothes that can be soiled and wear comfortable, closed shoes. Tennis shoes are the most recommended footwear item. For worship at Faith Chapel, ladies must have their shoulders covered and not wear shorts. A dress, skirt, or pants is recommended. For men, pants and a nice shirt (not a tee shirt) should be worn. At the resort, anything goes! Make sure to bring at least one swim suit and warm weather clothes. For evening meals at the resort, the attire at the grill and buffet is casual, but for the three reservation restaurants, nice attire should be worn. A sweater or light jacket is suggested for evenings, when the breeze on sunburned skin can be a little cool.

Other things to bring are a water bottle for the work days, insulated lunch bag and baggies for lunch while at Westhaven. Volunteers should pack their lunch from the breakfast buffet. The resort usually has suitable items for this purpose. If not, be creative! Bug spray and sunscreen are also highly recommended.

No money is needed once volunteers have checked into the hotel. Everyone is highly encouraged to use their safe. Bryan advised the new travelers that they should NOT bring Traveler's Checks nor should they change US currency to Jamaican. This is simply not necessary. International calling cards can be purchased for a small fee at the resort to enable you to call home economically.

It was suggested that a video camera be brought and Myers' were asked to bring their photo printer to update the cottage books as needed.

Bryan noted that travel documents should arrive in about two weeks. If they don't contact Linda. He also reminded everyone that when going through immigration and customs, you are here on VACATION and you have nothing in your bags to declare.

At the resort, all food and beverage is included. Bryan cautioned the parents of the younger travelers that the bartenders won't card for age, so please be aware. No tipping is necessary at the resort. He also noted that the spa is not included and any appointments made there are at your own expense.

Bryan will schedule large group dinners at the sit down restaurants upon arrival. He will get this information to everyone as soon as the reservations are made.

At Westhaven... on Thursday, we should arrive around 9AM for orientation. Project assignments will be made at that time. Bryan will lead the construction volunteers and Linda Wanless will coordinate the work with the children.

On Sunday, worship at Faith Chapel is optional, but highly recommended. JMP will be worshipping with Mission Jamaica and will plan to help them bring 15-20 children for service.

Monday will be our vacation day, Tuesday a shopping trip can be arranged, and we travel home on Wednesday.

- c. Westhaven Update – Linda spoke to Ms. Grant and several children at Westhaven today. Sadly, Linda learned that there have been two recent deaths, Monique Gaynor and Andrea Billings. The other children are doing well. Linda also asked Ms. Grant for a list of items that would be helpful for our group to bring. Below is a partial list. Linda will email the full list.

Oragel	Large Envelopes
Panties	Paper
Baby Wipes	Batteries
Toothpaste	USB Flash Drive
Powder	Printer Cartridges (HP 94 & 95)
Baby Oil	Coloring Books
Baby Lotion	Crayons

Other items requested were: Valium, Tegratol 200 mg, cough syrup, and glucose monitor with strips. Bryan Myers and Dave Kepler will work on meeting these needs.

- d. Bowling Tournament Update – Lindsay Olson reported that the new date for the bowling tournament is April 11, 2010.

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

At 9:00 PM

At Harry Carey's Restaurant in Chicago

February Meeting Information

Tuesday, February xx, 2010

At 6:30 PM

Hosted by Dave Kepler, Location to be determined.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Bryan Myers at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Myers

Jamaican Mission Program Secretary