

**Jamaican Mission Program
Board of Directors Meeting
December 20, 2011**

Directors Present: Bryan Myers, Nichole Myers, Linda Wanless, Rob Wanless, Erin Linschied.

Others Present: Laci and Steve Banker, Joey Parkhurst, Sierra Tourdot, Jenna Sebranek, Jennifer Hartwell, Sue Rynes, and Ainsley Myers.

Agenda

- Call Meeting To Order
- Approval of the November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Business
- Next Meeting Information
- Adjourn

1. Call Meeting to Order: President Bryan Myers called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Everyone expressed thanks to Terry and Jenna Sebranek for dinner and for hosting.

2. Approval of the November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Wanless and was seconded by Erin Linscheid to approve the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance (11.01.11): \$5804.31
Deposits: \$0
Withdrawals: \$0
Ending Balance (11.30.11) \$5804.31

Treasurer, Dave Kepler reported in writing that after a number of deposits made in December, we currently, we have \$7212.31 available in our account.

Bryan Myers reported that he received several donations given to the Jamaican Mission Program this month: \$100 from the Baxters, \$60 Silent Auction proceeds, and a \$500 donation from the Knights of Columbus.

A motion was made by Terry Sebranek and was seconded by Rob Wanless to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Business

- a. New Website** - Nichole Myers reported that she has built a new JMP website. It can be viewed here: http://www.wix.com/nichole_myers94/jamaican-mission-

[program](#). Please take a few minutes to look it over and give Nichole your feedback. We will be adding the Cottage Books to the website following the January trip.

- b. **2012 Trip** –To book your trip, contact Linda Kutzke at 920-988-3212 or lindakutzke@yahoo.com.

If there are any others you know of that are interested in the trip, please encourage them to visit our Facebook page or http://www.wix.com/nichole_myers94/jamaican-mission-program for more information, or contact one of the Board of Directors.

Currently, we have 21 volunteers travelling with us: Bankers (2), Myers (3), Grunwalds (3), Wanlesses (2), Leydas (2), Hartwell (1), Rynes (1), Hines (1), Parkhurst (1), Tourdot (1), Keplers (2), Benson (1), and Gambrel (1).

Bryan Myers went over trip details with everyone present.

- Everyone is staying in Milwaukee on Tuesday night before we travel. It seems as if everyone will be staying at the Clarion. If you need to make your reservations, contact Linda Kutzke.
- Everyone is on the same Airtrain flight. There has been a flight change. We will be spending an extra hour in Atlanta during our layover.
- Once you arrive in Jamaica, the transfer from the airport to the hotel is included your package. Jermaine will not be meeting us at the airport.
- When filling out your Customs Forms the purpose of our trip is VACATION. You do not have a work visa so you are not working. Please remember this.
- Donations for Westhaven were discussed. Some of the items that volunteers could bring include: baby lotion, baby powder, roll on deodorant, coloring books, crayons, pillow cases, twin size sheets, board books, and kids dvd's. If you need to pack an extra suitcase, JMP will pay for the extra bag. Try to use a junk suitcase that we can leave there. If possible, notify Bryan Myers if you will have a donation bag prior to travel so we can coordinate all donations into as few bags as possible.
- The Grunwalds and Leydas on different flights than the rest of our group. Plan to meet at 7 PM in the lobby at Sunset Beach for a brief organizational meeting.
- Work Days: We will be leaving Sunset Beach at 8AM (US Time – not JA time!) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This ensures that we will be missing some of the traffic. Due to the size of our group, we will have 2 buses. One bus will stay at Westhaven all day. We plan to work until 3 PM.
- Sunday church is optional. We will be leaving the resort at 9 AM. Bryan will need a count by Saturday of those who will be attending Faith Chapel

so he can arrange transportation. Mission Jamaica will have a group arriving on Saturday. They will worship at Faith Chapel with the kids and us. This also ensures that there are enough helping hands to get the kids ready for church.

- Vacation Days
 - Monday - It has been determined that the group will be doing the Blue Mountain Bike tour. Bryan Myers reported that it is a 3 hour drive from Montego Bay to Ocho Rios with Jermaine. Once we arrive at the tour office, our group will transfer to their tour bus and drive up into mountains. Once we arrive at the restaurant, we will have breakfast and a talk about Jamaican coffee. Then, the bus will drive everyone to the top of the mountain, and helmets, knee pads and bikes will be distributed. You are biking on a paved road with a very gradual slope. There is almost no traffic. There are several stops by the group leader for information on Jamaica and the region. Once you reach the restaurant, you will have lunch. After lunch, you continue down the mountain and will bike to a waterfall and pool. You may swim if you want. The tour bus will take the group back to Ocho Rios where Jermaine will take us back to Montego Bay. Be prepared, this is a very long day. You will be leaving the resort at about 7 AM, and should be back by 7 PM. The tour will cost about \$90 per person. \$78 for non bikers. Small children are free. If the group wants, feel free to stop at Scotchies for supper on your way back to Sunset Beach. Bryan Myers will need a relatively firm count for tour within the next week or so he can get group discount. Listed are those who plan to go on the trip: Bankers -2, Keplers – 2, Rynes Ladies – 5, Wanlesses – 2, Benson - 1, Gambrel – 1.
 - Tuesday – Right now, there is nothing planned for Tuesday. If anyone want to do anything, they should let Bryan know. Some suggested activities could be YS Falls, Negril, shopping, Margaritaville, or the Houseboat, etc. Bryan reminded the group that we have paid for Jermaine for the week and should feel comfortable using those services. Bryan Myers will arrange all additional transportation with Jermaine.
- Transportation back to the airport on Wednesday is included you're your package. Plan to use it, as Jermaine will not be driving us this day.
- The flight arrives back to Milwaukee about 7 PM.
- Bryan Myers discussed what finances to bring with us. We will need to pay Jermaine and project fees. Bryan indicated that he would like to bring down \$5000. He noted that if we have extra money, a donation to Westhaven will be considered. A motion was made by Terry Sebranek and was seconded by Rob Wanless to approve bringing \$5000 to Jamaica for use as reviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

- Work projects – Linda Wanless agreed to coordinate work with the children and Bryan Myers will lead the construction team. The projects that JMP has decided to do this year are repair of the grade and landscaping around the Administration office, replace the kitchen roof, and tile the 5th cottage. Bryan Myers recommended that all who plan to work construction should bring their own tape measures, pencils, hammer, gloves, tool belt, and framing square. Westhaven has everything else we should need. He added that everyone should bring a water bottle, lunch bag, and assorted sizes of zip lock bags to pack their lunches in.
- c. **Cottage Books** – Nichole Myers is updating the cottage books. Since she cannot be at Westhaven this year, she has asked for someone to help her with this project. Linda Wanless, Sierra Tourdot, and Jennifer Hartwell agreed to help on this project. Nichole asked that they get the books for each cottage, talk to the House Mothers to ensure the information is correct and up to date and take a new picture of each child. The books and memory cards should be brought back to Nichole so she may update the information. Nichole will download the photos from that day and return the memory card. In order to complete this project no later than Sunday, the books must be verified and pictures taken from two cottages per day.

5. Next Meeting Information - The next JMP meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

At 6:30 PM

Hosted By: Bryan & Nichole Myers

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Bryan Myers at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Myers

Jamaican Mission Program Secretary