

**Jamaican Mission Program
Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2009**

Directors Present: Jenna Gander-Sebranek, Bryan Myers, Nichole Myers, Micah Nee-Piasecki, Cindy Olson, Lindsey Olson, Terry Sebranek, Linda Wanless, and Rob Wanless.

Guests Present: Nancy Degner, Dave Kepler, Jenny Leffler, Theresa Ramsden, Lyndi Venglish, and Debb Walton.

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of the November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Business
 - Document Distribution
 - Airline Information
 - Ground Transportation
 - Projects
 - Construction
 - Children
 - Supplies
 - Worship at Faith Chapel
 - Water Jug
 - SSB Voucher
 - Itinerary
 - Vacation Day Ideas
 - Packing List
 - Open Discussion
- Agenda Suggestions for January Meeting
- Next Meeting Information
- Adjourn

1. Call Meeting to Order: The January 6, 2009 Jamaican Mission Program (JMP) Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by JMP President Bryan Myers. Bryan thanked Cindy Olson for hosting tonight's meeting and providing us with a wonderful supper. Introductions were made for our newest guests, Jenny Leffler and Dave Kepler. Welcome!

2. Approval of the December 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Terry Sebranek and was seconded by Jenna Gander-Sebranek to approve the December 23, 2008 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Terry Sebranek reported that we have \$5304.88 available for use. Bryan Myers and Terry determined how much to bring to Jamaica. Bryan indicated that we will need some Jamaican currency to pay for supplies. The best exchange rates to be found are currently at the airport. It was determined that some of our funds will be transferred to "J" for this purpose.

4. Business

- a. Document Distribution – Bryan Myers distributed document packets for the Holiday Inn Select in Chicago to Terry Sebranek and Cindy Olson. Bryan also gave Dave his entire travel packet as well as giving the Wanless' their e-ticket packets.
- b. Airline Information – Bryan reminded all volunteers that we have e-tickets. All travelers will need their passports to leave Chicago. Also plan to bring \$15 (or be prepared to charge this amount) for your first checked bag and \$25 for any additional bags. Bryan recommended that travelers consider packing a few toiletries in their carry-on bags, as well as some warm weather clothing, in light of the baggage delays we experienced last year. Don't forget, the rule on liquids in carry-on bags is 3-1-1: containers three ounces or less, in a one quart zip-top bag, one per passenger.
- c. Ground Transportation – As discussed at the December meeting, Bryan sought alternative ground transportation. He was able to secure two mini buses for \$350 each, or \$700 for the week, total. This will include transport from and to the airport, to Westhaven on work days, and worship at Faith Chapel. This does not include any side trips that we may schedule. Those can be negotiated when in Jamaica.
- d. Projects
 - i. Construction – Bryan has been in contact with Nasse. We will hire his services for \$50 per day. He will make sure we have the supplies to do our projects. When we arrive on Wednesday, Nasse will meet Bryan at SSB and will take him to the lumber yard to pay for the supplies. The first construction project will be framing the interior walls. The second project will be hanging car siding on the walls. The final project, if there is time, will be to build a block platform for the water tank so they are able to use more of the water. Rob Wanless asked what we could bring Nasse? Bryan indicated that he said he could use masonry tools such as a shovel, float, and trowel. Rob said that he will take care of this purchase.
 - ii. Children – Linda Wanless has agreed to be the team leader for the working with the children. Linda contacted Ms. Grant today to touch base with her about our visit. Ms. Grant noted that if we were to bring anything for the children, it could be any of the following:
 1. Coloring Books
 2. Crayons
 3. Younger Educational DVDs
 4. Deodorant
 5. Baby Powder

Linda suggested that we pick up some of these items to take for the kids. Nichole Myers indicated that she still has a box of donations that we could not take last year that she will bring.

Ms. Grant will orient us to Westhaven when we arrive on Thursday.

Bryan asked inquired about the possibility of using MJ's cottage books. This will not be an option for us. Linda Wanless volunteered to start our own version of cottage books with the information she gathered during last year's trip. Micah suggested that we have a more portable version on a ring instead of a book. The child's picture could be on one side of a card and on the reverse will be information about that child. This idea will be fleshed out more by Linda over the next week.

- iii. Supplies – Bryan instructed the volunteers who will be working construction should bring a tool belt, gloves, tape measure, and speed square. Micah noted that he felt that Pro-Build (UBC) will donate a box of construction pencils and tape measures to us. Bryan reiterated that if volunteers have extra bags that contain supplies, JMP will pay the \$25 fee.
- e. Worship at Faith Chapel – Bryan reported that there will not be a MJ group at Westhaven during our week, so we will not have the opportunity to worship with them. This will be optional, but the experience is highly recommended. Linda will speak to Ms. Grant about taking some of the children to Faith Chapel to worship with us. Details on this will be worked out when we arrive.
- f. Water Jug – There is no jug for us to use, volunteers should plan to bring their own water bottle. They can be refilled from any tap at Westhaven.
- g. SSB Voucher – Tanisha from SSB has asked that the Wanless' and Sebraneks need to bring their original SSB voucher and have it ready at check in.
- h. Itinerary – Bryan distributed and reviewed a day by day itinerary for our trip. Most times are flexible except for flight times and the 8 AM departure from the hotel on work days.
- i. Vacation Day Ideas – Bryan distributed and reviewed a handout of possible vacation day ideas. All prices for activities are estimates. Bryan will help set up anything we want to do or travelers may go through the tour desk at SSB.
- j. Packing List – Nichole distributed a packing list. This may help travelers plan a little easier.
- k. Open Discussion – Bryan reminded everyone again to bring a water bottle, gloves, a lunch bag or ziplocks for lunch, and a battery operated alarm clock (if you need one). Linda inquired if she could bring a quart of chalkboard paint in her checked luggage. Bryan suggested she check with the TSA on that. Bryan also noted that if we bring Westhaven gifts/donations, we should not bring them on the first day. He wants us to not have worry about that the first day of work.

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

9:00 PM Meeting

At Harry Carey's

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Bryan Myers at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Myers

Jamaican Mission Program Secretary