

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

Directors Present: Bryan Myers, Nichole Myers Linda Wanless, Rob Wanless, Terry Sebranek, Lyndi Degenhardt, Dave Kepler, Erin Linschied,

Others Present: Laci & Steve Banker, Ainsley Myers, Carter Degenhardt, Brielle Degenhardt.

Agenda

- Call Meeting To Order
- Approval of the August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Business
- Westhaven Update
- Waffle Breakfast
- Next Meeting Information
- Adjourn

1. Call Meeting to Order: President Bryan Myers called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM. He thanked Lyndi Degenhardt for a delicious meal and for hosting this evening's meeting.

2. Approval of the August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Wanless and was seconded by Dave Kepler to approve the August 16, 2011 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

<i>Starting Balance (08.01.11):</i>	\$4042.10
<i>Deposits:</i>	\$1770.82 (Directed Donation, General Donation)
<i>Withdrawals:</i>	\$1631.32 (Liability Insurance, Directed Donation)
<i>Ending Balance (8.31.11)</i>	\$4181.60

Treasurer Dave Kepler noted that as of 8-30-11, the total balance of the JMP account is \$4181.60. Of this, \$1135 is directed to be used for the chicken coop project. This leaves \$3046.60 of unallocated money.

Terry Sebranek indicated that the donor for the Chicken Coop project would like to donate \$500 to JMP for helping to facilitate the project. In addition, Rob Wanless submitted a donation of \$100 donation from Ron & Shawn Hess.

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. **JMP County Fair Booth** – Bryan Myers reported that at this time, the profit for the fair is about \$820. Individually, JMP brought in \$260 on Thursday, \$600 on Friday and \$2100 on Saturday. Our expenses were \$1856.90. Bryan noted that the booth and liability insurance is half of our expenses. He added that all soda was sold to our customers or to the Knights of Columbus. Everyone agreed that this year was a lot less stressful and everyone had fun. Set up and take down were easy. Despite all this, it is still a lot of work for a little more than \$800 profit. Bryan did note that one of the big benefits to this fundraiser is that much of the profit comes from strangers, not our friends and family who faithfully attend our waffle suppers.

Discussion was held regarding what to do for 2012? We will make use of the generosity of the Knights of Columbus and keep our soda in their cooler trailer. Someone should inquire if there is a special contract to sell in the grandstands or if anyone can. Everyone agreed that having a mild and spicy pork option would be a good combination. How can we reduce expenses? One way would be to have a 20x20 tent. This will reduce our footprint at the fair, reducing our booth expense. The counter should be put counter almost to the front of the tent, closer to the walk way. Since the effort does not make it profitable, we probably will not sell pork on Thursday. We should limit baked goods to monster cookies and rice krispie treats or brownies. Another suggestion for ease of work would be to make apples ahead of time to allow them to firm up. Bryan Myers volunteered to build an apple display or refrigerator with a plexiglass door.

Nichole Myers will send a thank you to REC Board of Directors for their donation of ice.

- 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 www.jamaicanmissionprogram.com for more information, or contact one of the Board of Directors.

Currently, we have 15 volunteers travelling with us: Myers (3), Grunwalds (3), Wanlesses (2), Leydas (2), Hartwell (1), Rynes (1), Hines (1), Parkhurst (1), Ivory (1).

Dave Kepler & Erin Linscheid have indicated they are going but have not booked yet.

It was noted that someone should speak to Jim and Michelle Luxton from Our House as they expressed interest in travelling with us last year.

Bryan noted that we won't know our Westhaven projects until November or so. He inquired if we want to do anything different this year? He suggested that we can split locations if the interest is there. Rob Wanless added that if the Valmark group has not fixed the water flow problem into Ms. Grant's office, he proposes that we fix the grade. If the interest is great enough, we consider a small project at Granville. Discussion was held regarding the benefit of completing our projects while we are there.

Bryan asked everyone to start thinking about vacation days and to bring ideas to future meetings.

- c. **Granville Chicken Coop Project** – Jermaine reported the progress to Terry Sebranek. “Granville Hall is doing very well. The first 100 chicken were butchered about two weeks ago and most of them have been sold. The next 100 will be butchered within the two or three weeks time.

So far the home has made \$41,000.00ja dollars or about \$500 USD. They are in a good position to repurchase a new crop.

The home has expressed interest in constructing another coop particularly for layers (eggs chicken). Raising layers is a little different. When layers are ordered, it can take 4-6 months before they receive them. If the donor is interested in taking up that project the home is ready to proceed.

I was hoping to stop by the home and take some photos of the first butchering of the 100 chicken where I could email them to you, but unfortunately I was struck by lightning and am presently down, but happily, I am getting stronger and stronger from day to day.”

- d. **WH ID Badge Project** – Ms. Grant indicated to Linda that she spoke too soon on this request. At this time, the project is on hold.
 - e. **Contact Info Update** – Nichole Myers passed around a sheet so that contact information can be updated.
5. **Westhaven Update** – Linda Wanless spoke with Ms. Grant yesterday. Linda had a long conversation with her. According to Linda, Ms. Grant seems very frustrated with many things at Westhaven but was not specific in her frustrations. She reported that Kerry

Ann's father and uncle visited recently. Ms. Grant is also worried about Marlene. She talks about wanting to go home, but Westhaven is her home. She has been asking to go work at Kentucky Fried Chicken in the city. Ms. Grant stopped by to check it out, but feels it would not work. She noted that she will be talking to Ms. King to teach Marlene to sew to provide her an income. She added that Njoki has lost more weight and that Beanie man has been very difficult lately. Chantall's (rock thrower) mother and step father just visited. Ms. Grant bragged that Keno is our "lime light." She added that someone gave Obrien a working phone but the problem is, Obrien doesn't talk. To solve this problem, Keno is his interpreter so Obrien can "talk" to his girlfriend. This phone has caused a lot of problems. Averion has to go to the dentist. Donald from Cottage 4 is pending adoption. "Beth" is in the process of adopting Dijon. William "vexes" Ms. Grant. Melissa still has seizures. A nice donation of a television and dvd player has allowed the children to watch movies in the classroom. Ms. Grant is amazed that the staff succeeds in getting all able kids in there – and gets them to be quiet and still during the movies. She also noted that it is still raining a lot.

- 6. Waffle Breakfast** – The Waffle Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 23rd from 8 am – 1 pm. Bryan noted that the Knights of Columbus are not doing bingo the night before so we can unload our stuff but can't set up. Discussion was held regarding how to market this event. Suggestions of the radio, newspapers, church bulletins, fliers at churches, car fliers, Richland County Bank sign, and a sandwich board at the courthouse. Everyone should market to your own church, friends, and family. Dave Kepler will place an ad in the paper to do paper and on the WRCO Community Calendar. Nichole Myers will determine what we need to purchase and will notify Terry Sebranek. Items are needed for the silent auction, which Linda Wanless will coordinate.

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

*Tuesday, October 18, 2011
At 6:30 PM
Hosted By: Steve and Laci Banker*

- 8. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Bryan Myers at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Myers

Jamaican Mission Program Secretary