

**Jamaican Mission Program**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2019

**I. Call to order**

President Bryan Myers called to order the regular meeting of JMP at 7:35pm.

**II. Roll call**

Erin Kepler conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jim Gorman, Rhonda Gorman, Nichole Myers, Bryan Myers, Dave Kepler, Rita Kidd and Laurie Krakjo.

**III. Thank you to Nichole and Bryan for hosting and for the delicious supper.**

**IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

A motion was made by Rhonda Gorman and was seconded by Nichole Myers.

**V. Approval of Treasurers Report**

Beginning Balance: \$ 4335.97

Deposit(s): \$20,224.00

Withdrawals: \$23,904.70

Ending Balance: \$ 655.24

Rhonda Gorman made a motion to approve November 2018-January 2019's treasurers report. Nichole Myers seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor, motion carried.

**VI. Business**

- a) The trip was January 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and was a success. The plan was to work on a layer coop at Jacobs Ladder, but the project was moved to Jerusalem home and the group worked on a broiler coop. We, JMP purchased \$500 in tools to help with construction. On day 1 the group worked on footings, day 2 on building the foundation and on day 3 they backfilled.
- b) The group then discussed the trip from start to finish so that we can find out what worked and what didn't. The group traveled to Chicago where they had group reservations at the hotel which worked out great. It was decided that the group needs to have a better meet and greet at the hotel before we leave on the trip. The travel to Jamaica was delayed because of weather, but that was out of our control. The transportation in Jamaica was excellent as always with Jermaine. After leaving the airport, the group had lunch at Scotchies and then continued to the house. Those who were at the meeting said the house worked great and had a good set up. Next year we can save 25% by booking thru the owner instead of VRBO. Each room had its own bathroom, but no beach towels. The chef made a nice variety of food and made breakfast and supper. Next year we will try to have fewer bones in the food. Mustard Seed was going to have the foundation poured when we got there but that did not happen. If we build a coop next year, we will hire Jermaine to get a group together and pour the foundation so that is done when we get there.

At Jerusalem Home, the children were somewhat more disabled than the children at West Haven or what the group is used to working with. They did however have more resources that what West Haven has (pt, nursing, etc...).

For the vacation days, the group made a trip to Dunn's River Falls and did some shopping. No issues were noted.

A few other ideas were discussed to improve the experience on future trips. The group discussed developing a sign-in/sign-out sheet for use with group transportation. This could help us stay together as a group when we depart from lodging, work sites, etc as well as getting on the airplane to and from Jamaica. The group also discussed having a group conversation during supper regarding the day's events in order to share experiences and discuss opportunities. It was also suggested that we communicate to trip participants that Mustad Seed and Jerusalem Home are Catholic institutions and religious customs are regularly practiced.

- c) Looking at having another waffle breakfast in early to mid-April. The group will be informed when we have the date.
- d) Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Gorman's at 7pm.

## **VII. Adjournment**

President Bryan Myers adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Erin Kepler (Secretary)