

Jamaican Mission Program
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

I. Call to order

The Jamaican Mission Program meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Bryan Myers.

II. Roll call

Present Were: Nichole Myers, Bryan Myers, Ainsley Myers, Everett Myers, Dave Kepler, Rhonda Gorman, Jenna Sebranek, Terry Sebranek, Desi Sebranek and Declan Sebranek.

III. Thank you to Nichole and Bryan Myers for hosting and for dinner.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made by Terry Sebranek to approve the minutes as submitted and was seconded by Rhonda Gorman. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: \$ 7100.09

Deposit(s): \$9850.00

Withdrawals: \$8887.35

Ending Balance: \$ 8062.74

Nichole Myers made a motion to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 Treasurer Report. Rhonda Gorman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

A donation was received from Krusteaz in the amount of \$9.74.

Bryan Myers submitted mission trip bills. All bills were discussed in detail. \$1811.60 is due to Bryan Myers for additional trip expenses.

Terry Sebranek made a motion to reimburse Bryan Myers for discussed expenses. Rhonda Gorman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Old Business

- a. January Mission Trip – 28 volunteers travelled. Despite the rain and one day of 70 degree temperatures, it was a great trip. All agreed that the house and the food were good. The only drawback mentioned was the long drive to the work site. All agreed that a shorter drive would be better in the future. Our tools were good. For future trips, room fees may be increased to cover tips for the household staff.

- i. Other items to consider for future trips were a set menu at the beginning of the week which will include one non-Jamaican choice. More work options at the

worksite would be good. Such items could include small construction projects, more interaction with the residents and pre planned painting projects. When we go grocery shopping in the future, we should plan to bring tote bags or small suitcases to make transporting our purchases easier since the stores do not offer bags. A suggestion was also made to purchase alcohol at the duty free shops as we leave the airport. This will be a savings of about 20%. Excursions will be discussed in detail prior to travel so that better, more organized decisions can be made prior to arrival. For additional cost saving measures, we could consider purchasing all household groceries ourselves. We would use a credit card instead of cash for a better conversion rate

- ii. Mission Coop Project – The coop is done! It will hold a maximum of 150 hens, however they began with 50. JMP left money with Ms. Huie to supply feed for 100 more. The plan is to purchase 50 chicks every 2 weeks and butcher 50 every 2 weeks. They will be used for food at Blessed Assurance in addition to sales to the staff and community.
- iii. 2021 Projects – The current layer coops are doing well. Miss Huie would like to double the existing coop. This could be a consideration for the 2021 trip. Another area of need at Blessed Assurance would be laying new conduit for the electric lines going up to the coop.

VII. New Business

- a. **Board Member Renewal** – Board Member Nichole Myers and Lee Barreau are expired members. Terry Sebranek, Bryan Myers, and Erin Kepler are due for renewal. The board must have 3-12 members.
 - i. A motion was made to renew Nichole Myers, Terry Sebranek, Bryan Myers and Erin Kepler for a new term by Rhonda Gorman. Motion seconded by Terry Sebranek. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- b. **2020 Waffle Breakfast Fundraisers** – We will plan to have a spring waffle breakfast in April or May and a second one in October. Nichole Myers will contact St. Mary's to coordinate dates.
- c. **Other Fundraiser Options** – Bryan Myers suggested we consider another Nuns for Fun event or Dueling Pianos. Venues for either event could include the Auditorium, the Community Center or The Phoenix Center. Bryan Myers will explore options regarding venues and report back.

VIII. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the Myers' home at 7pm.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Nichole Myers and seconded by Rhonda Gorman to adjourn. President Bryan Myers adjourned at 8:10.

Minutes submitted by: Nichole Myers