

**Restorative Justice Ministries
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Hal Sweet at the Brazos County Detention Center Squad Room.

In attendance: Hal Sweet	Carolyn Carroll	Jennifer Nedbalek
Kelli Nall	Linda Bow	Obed Matus
Doug Ralston	Robert Madkins - Visitor	Nathan Green - Visitor

Opening Prayer, corrected RJM Board minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Jim sent copies of the Treasurer report via email. There were no questions. There is a balance of \$9,183.32

– Obed Matus

Opening Scriptures – A portion of James 1

Due to a flat tire delaying Doug, he arrived as the Scripture was being read. After the reading of Scripture, Doug took over moderating the meeting.

The April 21, 2016

Chaplain's Report

- * Obed thanked Hal for helping with the baptisms. There are 5 baptism lessons being graded, 143 Bible deliveries, 166 additional contacts, 2 baptisms, 34 being disciplined, and 9 new ones asking to do discipleship lessons. There was a total of 333 total contacts.
- * Obed reported on his health issues.
- * Obed reported on his “Straight to the Heart” training and that an additional session of three days upcoming. At the next Board meeting Obed will present a 15 minute overview of this training.

Robert Madkins reported that there was an inmate that had asked for prayer at Bible study.

Secretary, Office, & Life Skills

- *While Shannon was gone, the office was covered. The email prepared by Shannon was sent to volunteers asking them to verify their scheduled times for June. The RJM mail boxes on the jail floor have been checked while Shannon was away. Bible requests have continued being filled.
- *Andy Hurley from Westminster Presbyterian, evaluated RJM's computer, donated an external drive, and backed up all RJM info on the computer. Shannon sent a thank you letter from the RJM Board to Andy for his services.

- *A volunteer application was received and the processing will begin when the applicant's picture of DL is received.

*All the jail's used toners are given to RJM. Shannon picks them up from upstairs and Carolyn takes them to Office Depot for credit that is given to RJM. These credits have been helpful in paying for some of our ink cartridges that are used in the office.

*Life Skills totes are ready and placed in the LS cabinets for LS that began this week. The roster of inmates for each class Sgt. Preston prepared and put in the appropriate tote which Shannon usually does. A reminder was sent to one LS instructor to place all unused materials in the correct file folder in the tote.

*A thank you note was sent to College Station Noon Lions Club for having Chaplain Obed speak about the work of RJMBV. One Board member accompanied Obed to the luncheon.

*The RJM Board secretary prepared and sent out the minutes from the last Board meeting and the agenda for this meeting. Copies were made for distribution at the Board Meeting.

Executive Committee - There was no Executive Committee meeting this month.

Sheriff's Department - Doug reported that SO is tracking the number of inmates that are veterans. Veterans' facilitators will be paid by non-profits and will hold a meeting once a month with these inmates.

Unfinished Business

* Central Baptist funding program is stalled until their new Missions Chair is in place.

* Doug reported that he is keeping Lt. Walker updated on the progress that is being made on the re-entry plan for BCSO and a mentoring program to be used in conjunction with BCDC re-entry.

* It was discussed that we will be looking into using Dave Ramsey material for the Personal Finance Life Skills class

New Business

* Doug asked everyone to pray for a Vice Chair of RJMBV Board, or we look at the possibility of Board members rotating leading the meeting when the Chair is absent.

* Kelly is going to seminary in the fall and will be resigning from the Board in July.

* Jennifer reported that she is freer this summer to do extra duty with RJM.

* Executive Committee will review the By-laws

* Securing a debit card and having guidelines for its use is to be done by July

* Doug has met with Abigail Davis Gonzales at Work Force Solutions. Vernell Walton is being removed from the volunteer list.

The next meeting will be June 16, 2016

Closing prayer at 6:45 P.M. was given by Linda Bow

Submitted by Carolyn Carroll
RJM Board Secretary