

**Restorative Justice Ministries
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Doug Ralston at the Brazos County Detention Center Squad Room.

In attendance: Doug Ralston Carolyn Carroll Jennifer Nedbalek Linda Bow
 Hal Sweet Shannon Coyle Sgt. Preston

Opening Prayer – Doug Ralston
Opening Scriptures – Psalm 55

The May 19, 2016, RJM Board minutes were accepted.

Sheriff's Department - Sgt. Preston reported the meetings are being held with the veteran inmates once a week. There are 32 veterans in custody. The meetings consist of sharing, praying, and games.

*The computer lab is in progress. The concern of hackers is being addressed.

Treasurer's Report - No report was given, but a report will be sent to the Board members before the end of the month.

Chaplain's Report - Report for Chaplain that 206 Bible deliveries were made, there were 182 non-delivery contacts made, 4 inmates were baptized, 32 inmates are in discipleship, and there are 7 new inmates in discipleship. Total contacts 431.

Secretary, Office, & Life Skills

Shannon announced will be resigning in August. August 19 will be her last day. She will be available to volunteer in some instances. She has accepted an offer to work for a professor at the Bush School doing research. With this new position her tuition will be fully paid and she will be receiving a sizable salary. A search for her replacement will be published in the newsletter and on the website. Notification will be given to all the volunteers next week and all the supporting churches.

*Shannon distributed a Guidelines draft for use of the Credit/Debit card. This was discussed by the Board. It was decided that Shannon will finalize the guidelines and the Executive Committee will review and approve.

Executive Committee - The Executive Committee met once and will be meeting again Monday to work on the By-Laws.

*A modified re-entry plan has been given to Lt. Walker

*Doug has been meeting with Abbie Gonzales-Davis and Joel Trejo of Work Force Solutions. With their input the Life Skill's Career & Job Goals curriculum is going to be rewritten.

* Doug has met with a Ms. Weedo of the Federal Women's Prison in Bryan regarding the re-entry program.

Unfinished Business

*Prayer is still requested that God will add members to our Board.

*The position of Vice Chairman is needed. There was a discussion of the responsibilities of the Vice Chair.

New Business

*Doug will be investigating insurance for Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and Commercial General Liability insurance in the case of accidents while serving with RJM. The possibility of having the volunteers sign a waiver was discussed.

*Hal Sweet announced that he will retire from RJM Board at the end of August.

*Jennifer volunteered to plan a volunteer social, possibly the end of August. Doug, Jennifer, and Carolyn will meet Wednesday, June 23, to discuss the social.

*Doug will be gone the months of September and October.

*The Executive Committee will be meeting with Obed Matus Friday, June 24, for his 6 month evaluation.

The next meeting will be July 21, 2016

Closing prayer at 6:40 P.M. was given by Jennifer Nedbalek

Submitted by Carolyn Carroll
RJM Board Secretary