Restorative Justice Ministries Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday - March 29, 2016

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

In attendance: Doug Ralston Carolyn Carroll Hal Sweet

Kelli Nall Jim Jackson Shannon Coyle

Visitor: Jennifer Nedbalek

Opening Prayer – Kelli Nall

Opening Scriptures – The Singing Contractors singing "How Great Thou Art"

The February 18, 2016 RJM Board minutes were accepted as submitted.

Hal moved that Jennifer Nedbalek be added as a Board member. Jennifer was unanimously accepted as a Board member.

Treasurer's Report - Jim reported a balance of \$11,605.94

Chaplain's Report

- * Chaplain Obed, has been out with shoulder problems. Pray for Obed and that this issue will be resolved.
- * David Pequino has agreed to assist Obed, as well as conduct worship and preaching twice a month.
- * Doug reported that David Pequino assisted with 5 baptisms.
- * Bible deliveries have still been made by Shannon, Carolyn, and Doug assisting Obed.

Secretary, Office, & Life Skills

- * Easter cards were provided by the Texas A & M Christian group, United Campus Ministry with personally signed greetings to inmates. The Easter cards were delivered by Hal, Doug and one of our volunteers Gary Youngblood. A thank you card was sent to the United Campus Ministry.
- *Shannon reported working on the monthly schedule. There are always some kind of change that comes as the last minute and sometimes even after the schedules have been sent.
- * Life Skills' totes have all been prepared and ready for use for this second session of 2016. A Career and Job Goals instructor for females is still needed with the possibility of having 2 instructors for this class. Doug is looking for a male to take on the Parenting class he teaches with the possibility of two men doing it together.

Executive Committee

Met once in the last month regarding re-entry.

Sheriff's Department - No Report

Unfinished Business

- * The shirt with RJM logo has been tabled for now.
- * Central Baptist Church funding decision will possibly be the end of April.

New Business

- * Jennifer gave us some of her background.
- * Doug reported researching re-entry programs across the country and Federal grants for such programs. He reported that a successful re-entry program would consist of 4 components: <u>Transformation</u>, <u>Education</u>, <u>Affirmation</u>, and <u>Mentoring</u>; the TEAM approach. It is thought that the SO would need to assign someone to head up this program and then determine how RJM could help bring such a program to fruition.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2016

Closing prayer by Hal Sweet

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Submitted by Carolyn Carroll RJM Board Secretary