

Gulf Coast Conference Call Summary Report
January 10, 2007
11:30am CST; 12:30pm EST

Present: Meg Riley, Steve Crump, Joe Sullivan, Jacqueline Luck, Eunice Benton, Martha Thompson

Not Present: Becky Cureau (voted by proxy)

1. Report from Community Working Group

Final grants will be proposed in March 2007. January will bring focus on the Volunteer Program transition and Anti-racism work.

Face-to-face meeting is scheduled for February 15th in Biloxi, MS

a. APPROVED Grant Request

Gantee: *Greater New Orleans Interfaith Sponsoring Committee/B.K.A. – All Congregations Together: Supporting Housing Initiatives*

Director: Mary Croom-Fontenot

Grant Amount: \$55,000

ACT is requesting support for a new organizer to focus on post-Katrina housing work, build organizational capacity to work on low-income housing issues, expand the Homebuilders Coop, represent ACT at housing meetings, and focus the hurricane response work in the Treme and Lower 9th Wards.

Joe Sullivan moves to approve the grant at \$55,000. Steve Crump seconds

→ **VOTE:** Motion is APPROVED for ACT for \$55,000.

3. Report on Learning Assessment (Joe Sullivan)

Summary of assessment will be presented to “Living Our Faith” Board of Trustees working group next Friday (January 19th).

4. Volunteer Project

The Volunteer Project will transition this Spring (March/April) out of the realm of the panel to UUSC under leadership of Kim McDonald, head of JustWorks program.

- Discussion of logistics concerning the transition. All budgets will be accounted for as transition occurs.

5. Follow-up on Mississippi volunteer work.

6. Report on Volunteer Advisory Group Conference Call Monday (1/8) Evening

- Group sees its roles as seeing that the program runs smoothly during the next two months and to raise any coordinating issues for transition team. In addition, the group will continue to advance the anti-racism program for volunteers.

7. Next Meeting Times

Wednesday January 24, 11:30 CST; 12:30 EST

Wednesday February 7, 11:30 CST; 12:30 EST