

**Gulf Coast Panel Call
March 28, 2007**

Present: Joe Sullivan, Martha Thompson, Eunice Benton, Steve Crump, Jacqueline Luck, Megan (notetaker)

Not-Present: Meg Riley, Becky Cureau

1. Check-Ins

2. Grant Proposals from Community Group

a. The UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast volunteer program will start on April 1 2007 and run for 18 months, bringing congregations and other UU groups to the Gulf Coast. The overall program budget is approximately \$290,000 for 18 months. The UUA and the UUSC have requested two grants from the Gulf Coast working group for community funds;

- an initial \$28,097 for the transition costs to cover the program between Feb 28 when the Baton Rouge contract ends and new UUSC based staff are hired and
- this grant for \$46,903 that will provide start up funds for the Gulf Cost Volunteer program while the UUA and the UUSC jointly fundraise for the remainder for the next 3-4 months.

VOTE on Grant

Eunice Moves for \$46,903

Steve Seconds

→VOTE: MOTION APPROVED

b. \$15,000 for *Northshore Disaster Recovery, Inc (NDRI)*

The Northshore church is on the board of NDRI. Mary Harrington's church has done work through NDRI. NDRI is an ecumenical project working on getting folks back into their homes. Funds will be used to purchase drywall, insulation, electrical supplies, roofing, flooring, cabinetry and other materials necessary for the rebuilding process. NDRI will apply \$5,000 to each project, complemented by funding from other sources. Average project costs run \$12,000 in materials and 2,500 labor hours.

VOTE on Grant

Jacqueline moves for \$15,000

Eunice Seconds

→VOTE: MOTION APPROVED

4. Next calls

April 18th 11:30 CST; 12:30 EST

May 16th 11:30 CST, 12:30 EST

Call ended 12:30 CST; 1:30pm EST *Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Megan Joiner.*