

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA
248TH REGULAR MEETING
January 14th, 2007
St. James, Baton Rouge, and Noland Center, New Orleans

PRESENT: The Rt. Rev'd Charles Jenkins, Billie Barbier, The Ven. Dennis McManis, John Musser, John Pine, The Rev'd Canon E. Mark Stevenson, Ed Starns, Marsha Wade, The Rev'd William C. Morris, Dennis Edmon, The Rev'd Will Hood, Peter Barrios, Katherine Martin, Lucious B. Butts, The Rev'd Brian Grantz.

2:05 p. m. The presence of a quorum was declared. The Bishop led the meeting in Prayer.

MINUTES. It was moved and duly seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. CARRIED.

FINANCES: Ed Starns reviewed the Operating Budget, the Analysis of Revenues, the Balance Sheet, (noting that fund balances had not yet been adjusted.) Special Funds: Hurricane Relief, Diocesan Rebuilding, Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal (BAMA 2006.) Also, the Episcopal Community Services Balance Sheet, the Office of Disaster Response, the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Budget outcomes were generally favorable. Question: Our position after 2007? Answer: Recovery in New Orleans will help, but New Orleans recovery is at least a 10-year program.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL, VICKSBURG. No sale yet, but a dissolved trust provides funds to operate for four month. A \$4 million sale would produce approximate \$600,000, after expenses. The facility is suitable for a private school or something like Americorps.

CHRIST CHURCH, SLIDELL: Their original 2006 program pledge was made when there was no rector and no analysis of unexpected costs. It was moved and duly seconded to accept a reduced program giving amount of \$5,000 for 2006. CARRIED. Fr. Grantz abstained.

GRACE CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS. It was moved and duly seconded that, if Grace Church does not present an acceptable business plan and mold remediation report by the date of the Diocesan Convention (Mar. 4), the remaining grant will be withdrawn. CARRIED.

2007 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM BUDGET. It was moved and duly seconded that the Budget as reported (\$651,609 + \$929,067) be accepted and recommended to the Convention, subject to last minute amendments related to congregational giving. CARRIED.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET. It was moved and duly seconded that the ECS Budget as proposed be accepted and presented to the Diocesan Convention. CARRIED.

JOHN MUSSER was elected Vice President of the Executive Board.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 10 a. m., Baton Rouge and New Orleans, via video conference.

ADJOURNED 4:12 p. m., with Fr. Grantz's blessing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

William C. Morris, jr.
Secretary of the Diocese.

**Diocese of Louisiana
Minutes of the Executive Board
249th Regular Meeting
12 May 2007
St. James', Baton Rouge and Noland Center, New Orleans.**

Present: The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, the Rev. Canon Stephen Holmgren, the Rev. William Morris, Ed Starnes, Dennis Edmon, the Rev. Brian Grantz, John Pine, Peter Barrios, the Rev. Will Hood, John Musser, the Rev. Flip Bushey, Harold Lambert, Doris Piper, Cove Geary, Jeffery Beddy, Alan Brackett, the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, Billie Barbier, Archdeacon McManis, Dana Land.

10 a. m. A quorum was declared and the meeting began with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of 14 January 2007 were approved as distributed.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Ed Starnes presented a thorough treasurer's report, covering every aspect of diocesan finances. He discussed timing issues, the relief offered by the Church Pension Fund, the offer of six months of support for the new Canon for Mission. With regard to the **Bonding Company Settlement**, it was moved and duly seconded that \$57,500 be transferred to the Diocesan Rebuilding Fund. Carried. **Congregational Ministry Initiatives:** It was moved and duly seconded to renew the grant to St. Anna's Church. Carried.

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center: Canon Stevenson reported on SECC Board actions. It was moved and duly seconded to separate the Property Depreciation Reserves from other diocesan funds so as to make them more readily available for SECC use. Carried. It was moved and duly seconded to ratify \$89,012 in capital expenditures for 2007 from the SECC Property Depreciation Reserve Fund. Carried. It was moved and duly seconded to adopt the Capital and Major Spending Policy as approved by the SECC Board. Carried. (See appended report)

Fund Raising and Development: Dana Land reported on her activities. At her suggestion, it was moved and duly seconded to impose a 5% fee on donor-restricted gifts (the proceeds from these fees will be placed in the Diocesan Rebuilding Fund.) Carried.

All Saints' School, Vicksburg: Bp Jenkins reported that funds for the Americorps purchase of the campus are tied up in a vetoed Congressional spending bill.

Report from the Audit Review Committee: The 2005 audits are complete. The 2006 audits are underway. It was moved and duly seconded that the following be designed as "management": the Bishop, the Canon to the Ordinary, the Treasurer, the Chancellor; and, further, to engage the Global Compliance Alert Line (annual fee \$500., set up \$600.) Dennis Edmon, Doris Piper, and Jine Pine consented to serving as a review committee for issues presented through this program. Carried.

Board of Trustees: Canon Stevenson reported that it is proposed to move 15% of the corpus into hedge funds to secure better investment results. It was moved and duly seconded that the Bishop, the Canon to the Ordinary, or the Treasurer, or any two of them, be authorized to make such transfers with Morgan Stanley. Carried.

Revision to Clergy Housing Allowance Resolutions: Canon Stevenson. It was moved and duly seconded to revise each of the several resolution to reflect raises authorized by the last diocesan convention. Carried.

Future of the Iveson B. Noland Loan Program: Canon Stevenson. It was moved and duly seconded to grant no new loans from the IBN Loan Fund, and to ask recommendations from the treasurer regarding the future disposition of this matter. Carried.

Requests from St. Albans, LSU: It was moved and duly seconded that the balance of the St. Alban's Apartment Fund be given to St. Alban's Chapel, with the proviso that they shall make future repairs to the apartment. Carried. It was moved and duly seconded to protect the corpus of the Ferraro Memorial Fund (est. \$160,000) while making an annual disbursement for program based on the spending policy of the Board of Trustees and Executive Board (est. \$6400.00 in 2007); and that the Ferraro Trust Fund and the St. Alban's Fund be amalgamated and made available to fund repairs, with the approval of the Advisory Board. Carried. A motion concerning the U. T. Homes Scholarship Fund was tabled.

St. Augustine's, Metairie has been able to acquire an adjacent property without encumbering any buildings. It was moved and duly seconded to commend them for their faithful and effective stewardship. Carried.

Grace Church, New Orleans has reported on mold remediation in their buildings, but has not yet provided the requested business plan. The parish can reapply for aid.

Policy on Clergy Discretionary Funds: It was moved and duly seconded to table this matter until the next meeting. Carried.

Clergy Deployment: Canon Stevenson presented an overview of our current situation.

St. George's, New Orleans requests \$2250 in funding from the 2006 Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal for a consultant. It was moved and duly seconded that approval be given. Carried.

The Episcopal Church Building Fund offers a free consultant. We accept.

Strategic Planning for the Diocese will be studied some more.

Election of the Vice-President for the Executive Board: John Musser was elected by acclamation.

Come What May: Christ Church Cathedral is considering a partnership with the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Canon for Mission and Congregational Development, the Rev'd Scott Albergate, begins his duties in June. The House of Bishops will meet in New Orleans in September; the Archbishop of Canterbury has announced that he will be present for two days. Approximately two dozen parishioners of St. Margaret's, Baton Rouge, have left the parish and formed a new congregation; they have applied for oversight by the AmiA.

Next meeting: 14 July 2007, New Orleans and Baton Rouge by video conference. We adjourned at 12:25 p. m. with the Bishop's Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Morris, Jr.

**Diocese of Louisiana
Minutes of the Executive Board
250th Regular Meeting - 14 July 2007**

St. James', Baton Rouge and the Noland Center, New Orleans via video conference

Present: The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, the Rev. William Morris, Ed Starns, Dennis Edmon, the Rev. Brian Grantz, John Pine, John Musser, the Rev. Flip Bushey, Lucius Butts, Harold Lambert, Steve Sandahl, Jeffrey Beedy, Alan Brackett, the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, the Rev. Canon Scott Albergate.

10:00 a. m.: A quorum was declared and the meeting began with prayer led by Fr. Grantz.

Minutes: The minutes of 12 May were corrected to show Fr. Bushy as not present and to rectify the spelling of Jeffrey Beedy's name. They were then approved as amended.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Ed Starns presented reports on diocesan receipts and expenditures, the Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal (\$142,000 received through July 11), the pooled investment fund, Congregational Ministry Initiatives, the Office of Disaster Relief (including KAT), Episcopal Community Services, the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, and the John Parker Kilgore succession.

All Saints' School, Vicksburg: Legislation to fund an offer by Americorps is in process.

Congregational Ministry Initiatives: It was moved and duly seconded to grant \$84,940 to Trinity Church, New Orleans, for a ministry of reconciliation and social healing. Carried. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the recommendation of the review committee to defer final action on a request from Grace Church, New Orleans, for \$100,000 to support the recovery and reopening of the Grace Child Care Center until such time as the committee is satisfied with revisions to the application, and to give the committee the authority to grant the award if so satisfied. Carried.

Christ Church, Slidell: It was moved and duly seconded to give permission to Christ Church, Slidell, to sell a piece of property. Carried.

Grace Memorial Church, Hammond: It was moved and duly seconded to give permission to Grace Memorial Church, Hammond, to sell a piece of property. Carried.

St. Albans', Baton Rouge: It was moved and duly seconded to approve the expenditure of \$7692 from the Alfaro Fund for major repairs. Carried.

Clergy Deployment: Canon Stevenson reported on clergy deployment in the diocese as of 2 July 2007.

Clergy Discretionary Funds Policy: no report.

Strategic Planning for the Diocese of Louisiana will be the business of the next Executive Board meeting, 8 Sept. 2007, 10 a. m., in the Vestry Room of St. James, Baton Rouge.

Future Meetings: Sept. 8, Nov. 10, Dec. 15 (first look at the 2008 Budget).

We adjourned at 11:30 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Morris, jr.
Secretary of the Diocese

**Diocese of Louisiana - Minutes of the Executive Board
251st Regular Meeting - 8 September 2007
Vestry Room, St. James' Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Present: The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, the Rev. Canon Stephen Holmgren, the Rev. William Morris, Ed Starns, Dennis Edmon, the Rev. Brian Grantz, John Pine, Peter Barrios, the Rev. Will Hood, John Musser, the Rev. Flip Bushey, Lucius Butts, Harold Lambert, Doris Piper, Steve Sandhal, the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, Marsha Wade, Kay Betts, Jeffrey Beeddy, Alan Brackett, the Rev. Canon Scott Albergate, the Rev. Jim Lemler, the Rt. Rev. Michael Smith.

At. 10 a. m. the presence of a quorum was declared and the meeting began with prayer led by Canon Holmgren.

Minutes: The minutes of 14 July 2007 were approved as printed.

Financial Reports: Reports on the following were rapidly reviewed by Ed. Starns: the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, the Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal (update), the Pooled Investment Fund, Congregational Ministry Initiatives, Office of Disaster Relief (including Katrina Aid Today), Episcopal Community Services, Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Renewal of terrorism insurance coverage was not recommended.

All Saints' School, Vicksburg: As of Sept. 8, a proposal to fund its purchase was in committee in Washington.

Purchase of Walgreens Building, New Orleans: It was moved and duly seconded that the email poll approving the same be ratified. **Carried.**

Authorized Signatures: It was moved and duly seconded that Ed Starns and Canon Mark Stevenson be approved as signatories on the Pool Investments Account. **Carried.** It was also moved and seconded that two signatures be required for amounts over \$500,000. **Carried.**

Congregational Ministry Initiatives: Canon Stevenson reported that the CMI Review Committee had satisfied itself that the requests of the Executive Board regarding the Grace Church, New Orleans, Child Care Center had been met, and had awarded the requested grant. It was moved and duly seconded that the Board approve the Committee recommendation for St. Andrew's, New Orleans grant of \$72,000. **Carried.** It was also moved and seconded to approve the Committee recommendation for St. Anna's, New Orleans, Hispanic Apostolate grant of \$100,000. **Carried.**

The Alert Line reported no activity.

Policy on Clergy Discretionary Funds is in process.

We heard updates on ChurchWork and E-DoLA (the weekly electronic newsletter), and on the pending visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury during the House of Bishops meeting in New Orleans.

Strategic Planning: The Rev. James Lemler led the Executive Board in an initial look at the process of strategic planning. The following persons agreed to form a follow-up committee: Canon Albergate, Fr. Bushey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Barrios, Mr. Sandhal, Mr. Starns, Ms. Wade, Mr. Butts.

Future meetings are Nov. 10, 2007, and Dec. 15, 2007 (first look at the 2008 Budget).

We adjourned a considerable while after we began.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Morris, Jr.
Secretary of the Diocese.

Minutes of the Executive Board - Diocese of Louisiana
252nd Regular Meeting
New Orleans and Baton Rouge Diocesan Offices via video conference
November 10, 2007

Present: The Rt. Rev'd Charles Jenkins, Ed Starns, Dennis Edmon, Peter Barrios, the Rev'd Will Hood, John Musser, the Rev'd Flip Bushey, Lucius Butts, Harold Lambert, Doris Piper, Steve Sandahl and Alan Brackett

Present from the Bishop's staff: The Rev'd Canon E. Mark Stevenson, the Rev'd Scott Albergate, Billie Barbier, the Venerable Dennis McManis, Jennifer Hirstius

A quorum was present. The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the September 8, 2007 meeting were accepted as presented. Jennifer Hirstius was appointed temporary clerk in the absence of the secretary, the Rev'd William Morris.

The Board reviewed financial statements for the Diocese, the Office of Disaster Response, the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, and Episcopal Community Services. Ed Starns noted that the Assessment and Program giving was off budget by a combined total of approximately \$100,000. Much of this is due to timing issues regarding the sending and receiving of payments. Canon Stevenson announced that the money from the Diocese of Southern Ohio for the Canon for Mission and Congregational Development had not been applied yet to the operations budget. These monies are in the Rebuilding Fund.

It was moved by Musser and duly seconded to endorse the tithes to Honduras from the Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal. Motion Passed

There was a formula error on the Office of Disaster Response Budget Analysis. Canon Stevenson reported that the appropriate numbers under the over/under column should be: 198,272 for line 97 and -431,169 for line 98.

Bishop Jenkins pointed out several things the Diocese is doing in response to Hurricane Katrina.

1. Case Management
2. Emotional and Spiritual Care
3. Counseling Centers
4. Compassion Center Programs

Trinity, New Orleans has become a major player in mental health care due to monies received from the Office of Disaster Response.

Bishop Jenkins gave an update on All Saints' Vicksburg. He has been in communication with Bishop Gray of Mississippi. A bill has been approved by the House of Representatives and it may be approved by the Senate soon that would fund the Americorp program, allowing their purchase of the property. He reported that several developers have expressed an interest in the school if this bill fails. Each of the four Dioceses who are part owners are being asked to contribute \$10,000 more each before the end of the year for maintenance and continuing operations.

Canon Stevenson gave an overview of the three parish plans put before the board for approval.

- St. Patrick's, Zachary - The community is growing rapidly, and the preschool / aftercare program is doing very well at the parish. The bishop proposes to provide full time clergy leadership through a shared program of funding between the congregation and the Bishop's Annual Mission Appeal. St. Patrick's would be asked to surrender their parish status as of 1/1/2008 to become a Mission of the Diocese. The Bishop will appoint a Vicar to lead the congregation in its redevelopment. The

Diocese's total cost, over three years, would be approximately \$72,000. Canon Stevenson asked the board for their endorsement to this plan. Such an endorsement was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

- **Christ Church, Ascension** – The land that was purchased on Tiggy Duplessis Road several years ago for this congregation will not work long term. Canon Albergate has identified a 3.16 acre lot in Dutchtown on the corner of Hwy. 74 and Arceneaux Lane, with a possibility of additional adjacent land, that looks promising. He has been working with the new Vice Chancellor, Mary Tharpe of Taylor, Porter, & Brooks. It has been proposed to take money from the insurance settlement from St. Mary's Chalmette currently invested at Smith Barney to purchase this property as an investment for the future. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to move forward with the negotiation of a purchase agreement (not to exceed the asking price of \$325,000 plus approximately \$10,000 in due diligence and closing costs), provided that the diocese has until April 1, 2008 to terminate the agreement for any reason. Motion carried.

- **Grow the Vision Campaign** - GTV has been the most successful single capital campaign in the history of the diocese, have raised and expended over \$3.7 million. While there are still pledges outstanding, all of the funds raised have been spent, leaving no cash reserve to pay the ongoing mortgage of the Chapel of the Holy Comforter in New Orleans. That mortgage totals \$578,322.75, with an annual payment of nearly \$84,000. With no GTV reserves, this amount will need to be paid from other sources. After much discussion, the Board requested that the bishop's staff present recommendations and proposals regarding this issue at the next meeting.

It was moved by Dennis Edmon and seconded by Lucius Butts to approve the Clergy Compensation and Benefits package for 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rev'd Will Hood and seconded by John Musser to maintain the Program Asking percentages for fiscal 2008 at their current levels. Motion passed.

As Christ Church Gonzales was unable to file a complete or accurate Parochial Report in 2006, it was moved by Peter Barrios and seconded by Dennis Edmon to establish for them an assumed Normal Operating Income of \$99,000 for that year in order to calculate Assessment and Program Asking levels for 2008. Motion passed.

Canon Stevenson presented a draft policy on Clergy Discretionary Funds. It was noted these funds belong to the congregation and are reviewed and approved by the vestry. Bishop Jenkins proposed making this a policy of the Diocese of Louisiana with the following amendment - Cash receipts or disbursements must be recorded in the official financial records of the church including the balance sheet. This amended proposal passed to take effect on December 01, 2007.

A resolution on the structure and work of diocesan deaneries was presented for discussion and suggestion prior to its consideration by the Constitution and Canons Committee. While no comments of substance were generated at this meeting, members were encouraged to communicate ideas to Canon Stevenson in the coming days.

A draft proposal on the makeup of the 2007 Annual Report (due to the Bishop by March 1, 2008) was presented. It was moved by the Rev'd Will Hood and seconded by the Rev'd Flip Bushey to amend the draft to include a list of congregational staff that have and have not completed Diocesan Background Checks and Letters of Agreement for Assisting Clergy.

A grant request from St. Francis, Denham Springs was presented. The Rev'd Dan Krutz requests \$4,500 to be used for a consultant to the congregation and clergy. These funds would come from the Bishop's Annual

Mission Appeal. This grant request was affirmed with the amendment that the board members would be provided with a report from this consultant.

It was moved by John Musser and seconded by Dennis Edmon to grant Trinity Baton Rouge permission to establish a bank line of credit. It was noted they are currently below 100% of acceptance of their Program Asking, but are working towards 100%. This motion passed contingent upon them continuing such a goal. (Note: this request must also be approved by the Standing Committee.)

It was moved by Steve Sandahl and seconded by John Musser to approve the request from St. James Baton Rouge to sell a portion of a parking lot they plan to purchase with cash. Motion passed. (Note: this request must also be approved by the Standing Committee.)

Bishop Jenkins gave an update on Strategic Planning, reporting that several members of the clergy had responded with negative feelings about such a process, due in part to fatigue as well as concerns regarding transparency and trust. He proposes Canon Albergate and he visit the congregations and deaneries to discuss the strategic planning process. Bishop Jenkins will invite CREDO to bring in persons to discuss health and reconciliation amongst clergy. He noted that the Diocese cannot stand still. We need to move forward. He proposes using the final resolutions of the of Diocesan Rebuilding Committee as a blueprint for the immediate strategic work of the diocese.

It was moved by John Musser and seconded by Lucius Butts to approve a \$10,000 expenditure for All Saints' Vicksburg maintenance and continuing operation to come out of the Diocese Rebuilding Fund . Motion passed.

Under "Come what may," Ed Starns reported that there may be some trust issues with Grow the Vision. He feels a narrative telling the story to go along with the financials provided by Billie Barbier will help matters. Bishop Jenkins offered to write a narrative draft.

Bishop Jenkins reported he will be traveling to Washington to meet with senators and several members of the House of Representatives to secure additional funding for case management. He is hopeful about finding funding to go past March 2008.

Bishop Jenkins presented a special request concerning Archbishop Fearon's daughter. She has been accepted into Xavier University in New Orleans. The annual cost of tuition is \$22,000. He asks permission to collect gifts and solicit funds worldwide for her education. Ed Starns notes we must stipulate that any gifts given would not be tax deductible for the giver. It was moved by John Musser and seconded by the Rev'd Will Hood to grant this request but would like a writeup of exact wording of this motion presented to the Executive Board. Motion passed

Ed Starns recommends a spreadsheet be presented at the next board meeting with a breakdown of pledges, contingent and non-contingent, and dollar amounts for the Youth Center at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center.

Future meetings: 12/15/2007 (first look at 2008 budget), 1/12/08, 3/28 and 29/08 (Retreat)

The meeting adjourned with the Bishop's blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hirstius

Minutes of the Executive Board - Diocese of Louisiana
253rd Regular Meeting
New Orleans and Baton Rouge Diocesan Offices via video conferencing
15 December 2007

Present: The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, the Rev. Craig Dalferes (Pres. of the Standing Committee) , the Rev. William Morris (Sec. of the Diocese), Ed Starns, (Treas. of the Diocese), Denis Edmon, the Rev. Brian Grantz, John Pine, John Musser, the Rev. Flip Bushey, Lucius Butts, Steve Sandahl, Marsha Wade, Kay Betts, the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, the Rev. Canon Scott Albergate, Billie Barbie, Adn. Dennis McManis.

At 10 a. m. the presence of a quorum was certified and the meeting began with prayer.

Minutes: Subject to the correction of the spelling of Denis Edmon's name, it was moved and duly seconded that the minutes of the meeting of 10 Nov. 2007 be approved.

Financial Reports for the following were presented: The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, the Pooled Investment Fund, Congregational Ministry Initiatives, Office of Disaster Response (including KAT) , Episcopal Community Services, the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Mr. Starns reported that our finances are approximately on target.

Fund-raising for Bishop Fearon's daughter: The following resolution was moved, duly seconded, and **carried:**

Be it resolved that the Executive Board acknowledges authorizing (at its meeting on 10 Nov. 2007) the Bishop of Louisiana to raise funds for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the college education of Nema Fearon, daughter of Bishop Josiah Fearon of Nigeria; and Resolved, that all funds collected and/ or disbursed for this purpose will be accounted for properly in the financial records of the diocese and be reviewed regularly by the Treasurer, Chancellor and Executive Board; and Resolved, that the Bishop shall make clear to all donors that contributions made to this effort are not tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service Code.

All Saints' School, Vicksburg. A letter from the Rt. Rev. Duncan Gray, Bishop of Mississippi, reported that funding for purchase of the school by Americorps is cautiously expected, but is part of a controversial appropriations bill. Further discussion will take place in early January. In the meantime, send \$10,000.

A plan for acquisition of land in Ascension Parish continues to develop.

Update on Strategic Planning. Work continues, but with a lot of listening. There is some reluctance to engage due to bad experiences in the past related to manipulation or failure to follow through. A particular issue is the developing situation at Grace Church, New Orleans, which is verging on becoming insolvent. It is seeking funds from partner parishes. A change in status would assist in redevelopment.

St. Patrick's, Zachary: It was moved and duly seconded that the email poll regarding the acquisition of modular buildings by St. Patrick's school be ratified. **Carried.** A candidate for missionary has been identified.

Clergy Housing Allowance Resolutions were moved, seconded and **carried.** (Appended)

Congregational Ministry Initiative Grants:

It was moved and duly seconded that the Suicide Prevention program of Christ Church, Covington, be granted \$89,775. **Carried.**

It was moved and duly seconded that the Dragon Café at St. George's, New Orleans, be granted \$99613. **Carried.**

Drafts of the 2008 Budgets were presented and discussed. They will be acted on at the Jan. 12, 2008, meeting.

Merit Pay Increases. It was moved and duly seconded that Canon Mark Stevenson and the Bishop be granted merit pay increases of 4% and 5% respectively. **Carried.**

Future meetings: 12 Jan. 2008; 28 and 29 March 2008 (retreat)

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Morris, jr.
Secretary, Diocese of Louisiana.