

MISSISSIPPI CURSILLO SECRETARIAT
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 20, 2007
8:30 a.m.
Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church
Madison, Mississippi

ATTENDEES: Ralph Stillions, Susan Mueller, Julie Breland, Shaula Hailey, Barbara McDonald, Mark Herbert, Beverly Herbert, Tom Welch, Diana O'Toole.

Chairman Ralph Stillions presided and opened with prayer.

Ralph presented proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Secretariat. Following discussion of each amendment, Shaula moved that the amendments be accepted, Barbara seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Secretariat approved Julie Breland as Rector for April 2008.

The Secretariat approved Steve Downs for the position of Staff Application Coordinator.

The group approved changes to simplify the Cursillo Weekend Staff and Participant Applications.

Following a discussion of the current one-year waiting period for a new Cursillista to sponsor or serve on staff, Diana moved that the waiting period be eliminated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Following a discussion about frequency of serving on staff, Diana moved that there must be two Cursillo weekends between staff service with the exception of Leadership roles such as Observing Rector. The motion was seconded and passed.

The remainder of the day was spent in a retreat format. Items discussed included:

- The desire for Servant Community Meetings to take place one month after each Fourth Day Retreat
- The desire to make available The Big House for out-of-town guests on Saturday evening of each Cursillo weekend with a Saturday evening dinner and Sunday morning breakfast planned.
- The desire to have a Cursillo Hospitality Room at Annual Council beginning in 2008.
- The desire to formulate a Musicians group to ensure that Cursillo functions are staffed with musicians. It was agreed to ask Cecil Fox to convene a meeting of musicians to discuss the issue.
- The desire to have Ultreya Leader, Staff Trainer and Weekend Rector training. Julie will convene a "Train the Trainer" workshop in June. Mark will coordinate a Weekend Rectors Training. Susan and Diana will co-chair an "Equipping the Saints" Leadership Training on May 5 with Mark and Beverly to chair a Robin Dow tribute that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a closing prayer.