

**Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People
Midwest Task Force Conference Call Meeting
February 5, 2018**

Present: Sarah Jane Moore, Phyllis Edwards, Sharon Ware (Chair), Lisa Leverette, Teresa Bidart (Staff),

Joys and Concerns were shared.
September minutes were approved
Agenda was approved.

Old Business

SM17005 Truly Reaching You (T.R.Y) Ministries (Not Wasted), Akron, OH

The Task Force review the revise application and **REJECTED** it because it doesn't appear to meet criteria of being owned and controlled by the direct beneficiaries.

New applications:

SM18001 Street Vendors Association of Chicago (SVAC), Chicago, IL

The Task Force **VOTED TO APPROVE** the technical assistance for \$3,000 for a technical assistance grant for marketing, recruitment and membership development. Lisa will follow-up for an itemized budget.

The group's progress will be evaluated in 60 days. Lisa will make site visit in April. The task force will reconsider the full application at that time.

SM18002 Harvard Community Clean/Green Garden Project, Cleveland, OH

The Task Force **REJECTED** this application because:

- Project does not reflect sustainability – only 8 months program.
- What guarantee that land will be available next year.
- Reads as a do-for. The outreach team is not the group that is proposed to do the work. It states under the Activity/Task portion that the group will recruit for participants. I believe this is the groups summer program for youth. It is listed under the program portion of the website.
- This project also appears to be one from the center. The person on the applicant listing himself of a member is the Executive Director of the center.
- What bothered me most was the garden concept really didn't discuss how this was going to move them out of poverty, through environmental based and life skills training. Felt that there was no business plan.
- They fall into the do/for with discussing giving back to the community.

- If indeed if they propose a garden program composed of “at risk young adults” the membership does not reflect this population of decision makers.
- What is their business plan? The budget reflects supplies/equipment but where are they going? Given the successful gardens in Detroit and Milwaukee, they are models for sustainability and grow.

Future meetings dates.

National	February 22-25	North Carolina
Midwest Task Force	April TBD	Milwaukee, WI
National	May 14-18	Belize
Midwest Task Force	June TBD	Milwaukee/Conf. Call
National	September 13-16	Philadelphia, PA
Midwest Task Force	October	Conf. Call
National	December 1, 2018	Conf. Call

The Midwest Task force will tentatively meet in Milwaukee during the first weekend in May. Sarah will determine the availability of partners for that meeting. A conference call will be scheduled in they are unavailable.

Lisa asked staff to find out if Detroit Presbytery needs a re-certification this year, to do it before she rotates off the National Committee in May.

Sharon closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Bidart