

PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

**Northeast Task Force
Zoom Conference Call
February 12, 2018**

Present: Laura Krauss (Chairperson), Johnnie Monroe, Karen Brown, and Teresa Bidart (Staff).

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Opened with Prayer led by Laura Krauss

Approved agenda

SN17002 Strength to Love Farms, Baltimore, MD

After the group was awarded with a grant on September 2017, received the award letter from the National office and completed the required documents to process their first payment, the National office received an email from a group member complaining about the veracity of the project. The Task Force asked Karen to contact the group and find out what was happening. Karen met with the group back on December and they clarified the concerns and decided to move forward with the project. The group was asked to send a communication in writing to the National office about this decision.

Karen was in contact with the group recently and the group informed her that they were working on the communication and will send it soon.

The Task Force decided to wait for this communication to proceed with the payment process.

SN17003 Rochester Worker's Center, Rochester, NY

Karen have been in contact with the group to plan this visit but the site visit is still pending.

Laura stated that a community workshop was planned to do in Rochester She recommended to do the site visit, the community workshop, the Task Force meeting in Rochester in April. The Task Force approved.

Laura is going to send an email to Alonzo to coordinate the community workshop.

NEW GRANTS

SN18001 Daughters of Sarah, Poughkeepsie, NY

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

SN18002 Shutdown Academy, Baltimore, MD

After discussing this application, the Task Force authorized Karen and Johnnie to do this site visit. The date is yet to be determined but it should be before the May National Committee meeting.

SN18003 E.P.O.C.A (Ex-prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement), Worcester, MA

After discussing this application, the Task Force authorized a site visit.

Laura will contact an Alumni member in the region to do it. She will check with Kathy Surgenor.

The Task Force asked Teresa to find out if Shavon has accepted to be part of the SDOP Alumni.

Church and Community outreach

Karen, Alonzo and Margaret conducted a community workshop in Baltimore on November 11, 2017. The workshop attendance was very good.

Karen asked Teresa to find out if the National office have heard from any of the attendees.

A community workshop will be planning to do it in April in conjunction with the Task Force meeting and a site visit.

Future meeting dates

February	Charlotte, NC (In conjunction with the National Committee Meeting)
April	Northeast Task Force in person meeting, Rochester, NY
May	National Committee in Belize (In conjunction with the National Committee Meeting)
September 13-16	Philadelphia (Fall) (In conjunction with the National Committee Meeting)

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bidart