**Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People**

**Midwest Task Force**

**May 20, 2016
Cincinnati, OH**

**DRAFT Minutes**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Sarah Jane opened with prayer.**

**Adopted Agenda**

**Approved January 20, 2016 Minutes**

**Project Status Report Task Force**

**BUDGET**

**Beginning Balance $65,000**

**January Validated Projects 0**

**TOTAL New Balance $65,000**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**We the People of Detroit
• Need to resubmit for $3,000 instead of $3,500**

***APPROVED:*** *Capacity building grant for $3000*

**Flint Democracy Defense League
• Need to resubmit for $3,000 instead of $3,500 *APPROVED:*** *$2910 grant, not funding $590*

**Harvard Square Center - Computer Class** Dual program of senior, underemployed and youth

**Sharon -** contact

Need: community center and Boys and Girls Club Closed

Sharon reported her conversation with the organization. Looking to support an 8-week computer training course.

***DECLINED:*** *Did not demonstrate need; did not demonstrate that it was owned and controlled by people who would benefit.*

**Extended Grace Mental Health Concept Paper**

* SM1606 declined in April. Sarah Jane contacted group about how it failed to meet criteria. Committee emphasized again that project n*ot owned and controlled by the community it serves. Unclear how people affected with mental illness are engaged and involved in the project. Task force discussed criteria; especially communicating with local partners when a project is declined or when the task force has concerns about a project. Need to do additional education about SDOP criteria with local groups*.

**Calumet –** Grant fully allocated**.** Group is growing; engaging more people every day. Good model for engaging community partners.

**Peace Together – 2014 Grant SM13019** $13,000 granted, only spent $6,500.Will give them until September before rescinding the grant.

**Recertification Discussion - Sarah Jane Moore**

A number of groups need to be recertified.

Sharon will come to certification training so that she can certify.

**REPORT FROM CHURCH WIDE**

Church-wide is asking that task forces call their certified committees to tell them about the changes in the presbytery portion of OGHS.

Task force discussed – Request that talking points be developed for discussions with presbyteries.

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS/OUTREACH**

* April, 2016 Workshop with Alvis House, re-entry half way house April 2016 Workshop with Juvenile Justice youth program
* Community workshop planned in collaboration with SDOP partner Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center at the Peaslee Neighborhood Center - May 19
* Minute for mission at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church & meeting with Mission Team - May 21
* July - Lisa will be doing an outreach workshop with Michigan Community Builder – capacity building organization
* Sarah Jane is attending Milwaukee Presbytery meeting Tuesday, May 23.

Conference Call to be determined

Issue of Concern

* Violence in Chicago is a deep concern.

Sara Lisherness closed the meeting with prayer.