

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People
Midwest Task Force Minutes

10/20/2016
Conference Call

Present: Sharon Ware (Chairperson); Phyllis Edwards; Lisa Leverette; Sarah Jane Moore; Margaret Mwale (Staff)

The Task Force meeting was **opened with prayer** by Margaret

The agenda was **approved**.

The June 2016 conference call minutes were **approved**.

The Task Force welcomed Phyllis as its newest member and she expressed her appreciation at being part of the Mid West Task Force

PROJECTS AND APPLICATIONS

SM16010 Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality

Chicago, IL

The Task Force discussed the “do for” nature of the project. However, it is hopeful that there may be opportunity for capacity building and Task Force members agreed to have Sarah Jane reach out to the group. The Task Force will further consider the outcome of the call with the group at its next meeting.

SM16008 We the People of Detroit

Detroit, MI

After discussing the request from the group, i.e. a revised capacity grant request in the amount of \$3,000, the Task Force approved the payment release.

SM15005 Capital Park Women’s Empowerment

Columbus, OH

After discussing the request from the group to roll payments together, the Task Force approved this request. The approval is for release of a payment and a half, not 2 full payments.

CERTIFICATION TRAINING FOR 2016

Western Reserve Presbytery SDOP Committee
02/08/2016 by Sarah Jane Moore

Eastminster Presbytery
09/30/2016 by Alonzo and Margaret

Scioto Valley Presbytery
07/26/2016 by Margaret and Sharon

Synod of Lakes and Prairies
07/08/2016 by Margaret and Sharon

Minnesota Valleys Presbytery
07/08/2016 by Margaret and Sharon

Northern Waters Presbytery
07/08/2016 by Margaret and Sharon

Twin Cities Presbytery
07/08/2016 by Sharon and Margaret

Synod of the Covenant
Training is yet to be completed. Sarah Jane Moore is waiting to hear back on a possible Skype training date from the committee.

Note: Due to the 11/2015 recommendation made by the Mid Council SDOP Committee Review Task Force, certification is now on a **three-year rotational system**. Each Mid Council SDOP Committee will be **both trained and certified every three years**.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS/OUTREACH (Recent and Upcoming)

Lisa reported she is working with the Detroit Presbytery SDOP Committee. The committee is looking for additional members. It is also working with a couple of groups that may submit applications to the local committee. It plans to focus on helping with One Great Hour of Sharing efforts in congregations.

Sara Jane reported she sent the OGHS video to the Presbytery and is continuing to reach out to staff. She has also been in contact with SDOP partner Women's All Points Bulletin. The group is planning to attend a meeting being hosted by Chicago Police Department pertaining to race issues.

Sharon hopes to have a community workshop in December that will involve SDOP, the Peace Challenge (a grant opportunity for young people) and a Neighborhood Partnership grant. Also Scioto Valley Presbytery SDOP Committee is now meeting at United Way and this has made it more possible for Sharon to attend these meetings.

Phyllis asked Lisa to keep her in the loop on upcoming meetings with potential partners, the local SDOP committee etc.

FUTURE MIDWEST TASK FORCE MEETING DATES

January 2017 in conjunction with the National SDOP Committee meeting.

The meeting ended shortly after 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mwale, Recorder