

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE
South Task Force Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

Present: John Etheredge (Chair); Joseph Johnson, Alonzo Johnson (Staff), Margaret Mwale (Staff)

Excused Absence: Rebecca Reyes

An agenda was approved. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss recently certified Mid Council Committees in the South region. (Two were not on the existing 2016 list of currently certified committees).

CERTIFICATION TRAINING

- Charleston Atlantic Presbytery SDOP Committee: Was trained 07/22/2016 by the South Task Force
- James Presbytery SDOP Committee: Was trained on 08/13/2016 by John.
- Sheppards and Lapsley SDOP Committee: Trained by Joseph on 09/28/2016.

Letters will be sent to Charleston Atlantic and James Presbytery SDOP Committees indicating amounts available for them to enter into partnerships with communities of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people within the bounds of their presbytery.

The importance of being accommodating towards Mid Council Committees wishing to fund projects but struggling to meet the October 1 deadline was discussed. This was in light of requests received from some committees to extend the deadline to 11/11 and 11/30. A suggestion was made to extend it to 11/11 for these committees and others that might need additional time. (A deadline was introduced this year after the reduction in staff in order to help facilitate the payment process and get funds to the projects as quickly as possible).

John indicated the new South Task Force member James Steel has been in touch with him. Alonzo shared that an email pertaining to the January 2017 meeting will be sent shortly.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

2017 Meeting Dates:

January 2017 in conjunction with the National Committee meeting (the specific date and location are still to be confirmed).

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Mwale