

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People
Steering Committee Minutes
July 28-29, 2016
Louisville, KY

The Steering Committee meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday July 28, 2016 in Louisville, KY.

Present: Rebecca Reyes (Chairperson), John Etheredge, Joseph Johnson, Johnnie Monroe, Pat Osoinach, Sharon Ware, Wesley Woo, Lisa Leverette, Laura Krauss, Alonzo Johnson (Staff), Clara Nunez (Staff), Margaret Mwale (Staff), Teresa Bidart (Staff).

Excused: Sarah Jane Moore

Rebecca Reyes opened the meeting with prayer.

Task Forces' chairpersons presented their reports. Task Force members are working to reach out to congregations, mid-councils and community groups. The International Task Force will be moving its work to the next focus country Panama in 2017.

Task Forces will plan to meet via conference call when possible.

John Etheredge reported that he is working to re-start the Alumni Association. John will send articles and press releases to local newspapers to interpret SDOP to Presbyterians by informing them of grants awarded in their area.

Pat Osoinach reported on the Churchwide Relations meeting and the General Assembly.

Johnnie Monroe reported on the Plight of the African American Male overture and Confession of Belhar overture approved by the General Assembly.

SDOP's work will be lift up as it relates to these overtures. Johnnie and Alonzo will have further conversation about this.

The Steering Committee adjourned at 6 pm.

The Steering Committee re-convened on Friday, July 29 at 9 am. The meeting opened with prayer by Joseph Johnson.

Rebecca presented the Strategic Plan powerpoint.

Joseph Johnson presented the SDOP financial report through June 30, 2016.

If all mid councils were to request their 2016 allocation, there would be a balance of \$30,000 to fund projects in the next funding cycle. There was further conversation about how to proceed with the funding.

Valerie Small joined the committee for conversation about the nomination process.

The Steering Committee engaged in conversation about the number of members in each Task Force.

The Steering Committee will recommend to the National Committee:

- Number of members on the National Committee to be reduced to 12 members, with each Task Force having 3 members. This recommendation is to be implemented no later than 2018.
- The Steering Committee will combine its work and responsibilities with the National Committee. Only one committee, the National Committee.
- The work of the Community Relations Committee and the Churhwide Relations Committee to be performed by each Task Force.
- Steering Committee will recommend to the National Committee to have 4 meetings per year for 3 days. The meetings will be one in each region.

The Steering Committee voted to cancel the September 2016 National Committee meeting.

There will be an intentional focus and promotion of the OGHS during this time.

MEETING DATES

New Member Orientation – December 8, 2016 – Atlanta, GA – 9 am

National Committee meeting – December 8-10, 2016 – Atlanta, GA – 6 pm

The meeting closed with prayer by Johnnie Monroe.

Respectfully submitted,

Alonzo Johnson

Clara Nunez