

**PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
December 7, 2017
CONFERENCE CALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

The Self-Development of People National Committee Conference call convened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday December 7, 2017 **CONVENED**

The following Committee members were present:
Rebecca Reyes, Chairperson Sarah Jane Moore
John (Pat) Osoinach Joseph Johnson
Wesley Woo Lisa Leverette
John Etheredge Johnnie Monroe
Karen Brown Lawrence Low
Susan Dobkins Sharon Ware
Phyllis Edwards

ROLL CALL

The following staff members were present:
Alonzo Johnson, Clara Nunez, Margaret Mwale, and Teresa Bidart.

Excused Absence: Laura Krauss

The meeting was opened by Alonzo Johnson with prayer.

**ACTION: 63-1217
Approved Agenda**

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the Proposed Agenda

**ACTION: 64-1217
Approved September 14-16,
2017 minutes.**

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the September 14-16, 2017 National Committee minutes.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the September Financial Statement, the 2018 budget, and the investment options presented by Joseph Johnson.

**ACTION: 65-1217
Received the Financial Report**

Joseph conducted the finance discussion regarding the September Financial statement and the 2018 budget.

The draft 2018 budget was discussed, the members commented about it. The revised 2018 budget was approved.

**ACTION: 66-1217
The National Committee
members approved the 2018
budget revision.**

Joseph presented the two investment options. He stated that the Financial Committee recommended the option number 2.

The National Committee members discussed it. Lisa Leverette stated that the International Task Force recommended option 1, or another option, and option 2 was not viable.

Johnnie Monroe proposed to table this decision until February 2018 National Committee meeting after the International Task Force meet with the Financial Committee and present a recommendation to the Committee for approval.

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Lisa will contact the Financial Committee and set up a conference call to discuss this.

The Committee **VOTED TO TABLE** the vote until February 2018 National Committee meeting

National Committee meeting in Charlotte, NC conversation about the proposed agenda.

John Etheredge and Sarah Jane Moore informed the Committee about the activities that are going to happen in Charlotte to guarantee our presence there. The logistic of this meeting will be different. On Friday night will be a dinner with local Pastors and representatives of the Presbytery in the area. On Friday and Saturday, the idea is to make simultaneous workshops in different places. It going to be needed to rent vans to move Committee members around Charlotte. On Sunday is strongly recommended that the Committee members do minutes for mission.

Sarah recommended that the applications approval and Task Forces and Standing Committee reports can be done it via Zoom.

Margaret mentioned that the local SDOP Presbytery Committee is very interested to participate with us in the activities in Charlotte.

Lisa recommended to be in contact with some organizations in Charlotte that has played an important role in the city, such as Black Men Achievements, etc. Alonzo and Margaret have made this contacts already and continue to reach out to other community organizations.

TASK FORCES REPORTS

**ACTION: 67-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the Midwest Task
Force report**

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Midwest Task Force report.

The Committee had a conference call on December 6 and we might have a meeting in Milwaukee on January to continue building relationship in the city.

A precis will be presented for validation and funding:

**ACTION: 68-1217
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SM170078**

NorthWest Initiatives "ARRO" (Advocacy, Re-entry, Resource, Outreach),
Lansing, MI
Validation/Funding: \$ 15,000
Payment Schedule: Two equals payments

Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

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The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the South Task Force report.

**ACTION: 69-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the South Task
Force report**

The Task Force had a meeting in Orlando in November. The Task Force did a community workshop, a site visit, and a training to certify Central Florida Presbytery SDOP Committee.

Two précis were presented for validation and funding.

Created to Create, Miami, FL
Validation/Funding: \$ 15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 70-1217
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SS17004**

Catawba, Rock Hill, NC
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 71-1217
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SS17006**

Next year the Task Force will use their meeting funds to reach out in different areas of the south separately.

Rebecca thanked Sarah to have participated with the South Task Force during the last meeting in Orlando.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the West Task Force report.

The Task Force met on Seattle and they conducted a workshop. The Seattle Presbytery do not have capacity to initiated a SDOP local Committee now but the Task Force won't give up.

**ACTION: 72-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the West Task
Force report**

The Task Force members thanked Susan for the hospitality brought from her and her husband.

The Task Force will work hard to fund 5 projects in the west area next year.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the International Task Force report.

The Committee is working hard to bring the entire National Committee to Belize in May 2018. The Task Force is working with the Department of Cooperatives in Belize to make this plan happened.

**ACTION: 73-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the International
Task Force report**

The May 2018 meeting has been planned from May 14 to the 18. May 14 and May 18 will be the traveling days. Committee members are asked to let the staff and the International Task Force know their willingness to travel to Belize by January 15. This information is needed to have enough time to the hotel arrangements, transportation plan, meeting agenda.

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Rebecca pointed out that because this is a National Committee a quorum is needed , so it is very important that Committee members let staff know by January 15 who is not going to participate in this meeting.

The Task Force is concluding the draft document with the Department of Cooperative of Belize that was presented in September, to make a final presentation in February during the National Committee meeting. This document collects all the experiences in Belize for the last 6 years.

The International Task Force and staff are going to meet in January by phone to make a specific agenda for the May meeting in Belize.

The Task Force will do the first trip to the focus country, Panama, after the Belize trip.

The International Task Force provided additional funds to the intermediary partners at the end of this year and their work is moving forward satisfactorily.

2018 may be the year where the West Africa Initiative will begin to wind down as the stability is restored to the region. The staff is asked to communicate WAI to revisit the submitted application for 2018 and consider revisions to reflect stepped down design and budget.

The work of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda is a success. The micro-businesses are doing a tremendous impact on the population.

Ce-Mujer partnership continue to be very successful and they were very happy to receive additional funds.

A team of two will travel to Belize to plan the logistic of the National meeting in early March.

One précis was presented for validation and funding.

Sandy Beach Women's Cooperative Society Limited, Hopkin Village,
Belize
Validation/Funding: \$ 35,053
Payment Schedule: Quarterly

**ACTION: 74-1217
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SII3001**

Valerie Small, General Assembly Coordinator for the Nomination Committee and Greg Bolt, Nominating Committee member, who attends SDOP nominations, addressed the Committee. Greg mentioned the current situation of the nominating process with SDOP. So far 4 applications have been received; January 2 is the deadline to receive the applications.

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The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Nominating Committee report.

**ACTION: 75-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the Nominating
Committee report.**

Johnnie Monroe presented the following slate:

Chairperson:	Rebecca Reyes
Vice-Chairperson:	Pat Osoinach
Midwest Task Force Chairperson:	Sharon Ware
Northeast Task Force Chairperson:	Karen Brown
South Task Force Chairperson:	Wayne Steele
West Task Force Chairperson:	Wesley Woo
Church Wide & Community:	Laura Krauss
International T/F Chairperson:	Susan Dobkins

The National Committee member's vote will be on hold until February 2018.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Church Wide Committee report.

**ACTION: 73-1217
The Committee VOTED TO
RECEIVE the Church-Wide
Relations Committee report.**

The report of this committee was basically all the planning of Charlotte that was discussed before.

All Committee members who are going to do minute for mission and will need hotel accommodations for Sunday night needs to let staff know. Staff was asked to send a reminder email.

A Zoom meeting with the Charlotte planning team will be scheduled to coordinate all the activities for the February National Committee. This meeting will be conducted by Alonzo and Margaret.

Rebecca Reyes closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Bidart
Bilingual /Meeting Planner