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

South Task Force Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017

Present: John Etheredge (Chair), Joseph Johnson, Rebecca Reyes and Alonzo Johnson (Staff).

Opened with prayer by Joseph Johnson

Agenda approved by the task force.

South Task Force in Cookeville TN.

Several responses to the community workshop, two that they know of. Several responses and some possibly coming out of the wood work.

SS17001 Garden Project in New Orleans, changes their contact person. Site visit is planned for July 21 Joseph will go there.

SS16006 – Building For the future – Alabama, Joseph did the site visit on June 5th, approved pending successful site visit. Joseph will write a precis next week and send it to Clara, then to the national Committee for their response.

SS17002 – Joy, Performing Arts, Albany Georgia, John wanted to talk to Mrs. Davis to get a feel. Recommending going to the next level, do a site visit, the kids have a voice in the direction that they are going, youth directed, kids will work with the seniors, kids come back mentoring other kids, transferrable skills to be used in all aspects of their lives. John recommends that we pursue it, Helping people transform their lives. Task force members are concerned that this is a “do for,” and want to make sure that the project is owned and controlled by the young people. Task force members are concerned about whether the kids have voice in decision making, and whether they are aware of the details written in the application? John will do the visit.

SS17003 Fideicomiso Community Companionship Program – Application is complicated and dense. Who are the beneficiaries? It is not abundantly clear how the community completely control and benefit from the project. Make an inquiry to them, phone call, e-mail or Skype call to gain some clarity. Need clarity about project control and decision makers. How does it benefit the community? What happens to the funds that are received for surface rights? Task force suggested that these questions be written. Alonzo will put these questions in the form of an e-mail and send to the task force.

Rebecca and Joseph will plan the lunch to meet folks there in Cookeville.

John mentioned the importance of gaining applications. Some way to contact people before we get there.

Meeting Adjourned closed in prayer by Joseph Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,

Alonzo Johnson