

Minutes

October 11, 2007

Gail Hall, Chairman, Michael Bower, Laurel Cole, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Bob Inderbitzen, Pat Howland, Stephanie Heneghan, Ron Robbins, Tom Rolfe, and Steve Smith

The meeting called to order at 7:31

Pat read Wendy's prayer.

Gail asked Ron to facilitate the process of setting a mission and action plan.

Ron distributed a handout on strategic planning. He then asked the committee to consider its mission and the steps/action plans needed to complete it.

Bob distributed a draft mission statement which he'd culled from several ONA committee mission statements that he'd found on line.

The committee spent the next hour and 15 minutes talking about process and competing visions on how to arrive at a mission statement and action plan. It was ultimately decided that Gail will come up with a draft mission statement for our next meeting.

November 11th was set for a second hour on the ONA process. The tentative goal of the meeting is to present the ONA Committee's mission and action plan and to lay out the process we will take to bring the ONA issue to the congregation for action. The Committee felt strongly that it was important to communicate well and early on what it is doing and also to strongly say what it is not doing. The Committee is **not** deciding that the congregation will be ONA. It **is** seeking to bring all elements of the congregation into the ONA process. It seeks to educate and involve the congregation in the ONA process. It seeks to open a strong and open communication process with the congregation as the process evolves. The second hour will solicit questions from attendees on the process and will seek to involve those attending in the process.

The Committee briefly discussed adding more members to the committee. The consensus was that no new members would be added, but we would seek to involve those interested in the Committee in the ONA process.

The Committee also discussed whether meetings should be open to those outside the committee membership. It appeared that the majority did not favor having such participation at regular committee meetings. The Committee hoped to set aside specific future times for outside participation with the committee.

Future meetings were set for Thursday, November 1st and Tuesday November 13th.

The meeting was closed by Steve Smith with a moment of silence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Smith
Secretary