

ONA  
September 11, 2008

Present: Gail Hall, Stephanie Heneghan, Tim Dostie, Wendy Ware, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Michael Bower, Bob Inderbitzen, Ron Robbins, Laurel Cole and Bill Hoffman

Absent and missed: Tom Rolfe and Pat Howland

Opening prayer led by Stephanie Heneghan.

August Minutes were approved as written.

The Committee discussed the draft mailer. There were a couple of minor revisions which Gail will incorporate into the final document. A web site showing what different denominations are doing with ONA will be added to the web site as well as to the mailer. That site is [www.hr.org](http://www.hr.org).

The group broke to subcommittee meetings at 7:48 pm. And resumed the full meeting at 8:30 pm.

Subcommittee debrief:

**What it means to be gay**

Trying to talk to two different groups (Stonewall Speakers and Pflag)  
Stonewall might be able to do a second hour on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Michael and Mary will follow up for speakers. The group wondered whether we should solicit more testimonials. General consensus was that it be mentioned on the web page with a line similar to “we would welcome your own testimonial.” It was also suggested that we talk about this in future Church Mouse articles.

**Bible**

The group is working towards having small group, informal discussion on biblical topics. The topics to be discussed would be picked ahead of time with a discussion concentrated on how each person attending would interpret the passage; kind of like the Men’s Saturday Bible study group. It was thought that perhaps it could be good to have the Men’s Bible Study group sponsor the first offering. Ron thought that it was important to get some sessions scheduled. For our next meeting the Committee will create a practice session with the whole committee with the proposed format for discussion. Bill and Ron and Bob will talk to Jonathan and Donna via e-mail to format the texts and questions.

Tim wanted to know if we’d be interested in hearing a speaker with a literal interpretation on the subject. The group thought so, but properly vetted (UCC connections, credentials)

The Committee discussed changing regular meeting time and decided that it would meet in the future at 7 pm. Small group discussions will start before Gail arrives.

Next meeting prayers: Pat opens and Bob closes.

Laurel led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Smith