

**The First Church of Christ “Old North” in Marblehead, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Leadership Board**

**December 14, 2017**

***Old North Church Vision Statement***

Old North Church is an inclusive Christian Community called to bring to life God’s love and grace by sharing the gospel for this time and place; extending the hospitality Christ showed; embodying God’s love and compassion to those in need; and growing together in our understanding and experience of the Holy Spirit at work in our midst.

***Leadership Board***

The Leadership Board shall set policy and facilitate the execution of congregational priorities for the church. It shepherds the ongoing visioning process and makes decisions and takes action within the stated vision and approved budget that are outside the scope of a single ministry. It listens with faith and facilitates communication and coordination within and between ministries, the entire congregation and the wider community. It conducts ongoing strategic planning for the church. It may task ad hoc teams with specific action in support of its responsibilities. Sub Committees: PPR, Nominating.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Tips at 7:30. Dennis led us in an opening prayer. Those in attendance: Dennis, Karla, Janet, Dave, Diane, Tim, Marpa, Maria, Chris, Betsy Halbert.

We are at a point where the LB should be the tail of the dog and not the dog. We need to figure out how we can aid the ministries as they move forward and not be the sole impetus that moves the ministries forward. Should we get all the ministry boards together now that they are mostly populated? We, along with the ministries, have to start thinking out of the box going forward as to what has worked in the past and what hasn’t and how can we foster more relevant changes going forward while remembering that there are a lot of good things happening at the ONC.

Discussion of the ongoing issue of communication within and outside our building. Tim will try to get in touch with Janet Swayzland to see if she could help us with suggestions or even come talk to the LB. Karla will look into how other churches communicate with their parishioners. Becky Burckmyer is doing a written (mailable) version of what is going on at ONC for those people who don’t use computers. Is UCC doing anything we could copy? We need to get the message out of who and what we are as a brand.

The LB needs to prioritize some goals for the first quarter of 2018.

Next LB meeting is right before the annual church budget meeting on Sunday January 28 after the 10 o'clock service. Dennis is in Seattle Jan 15-23. A notice needs to go out two weeks before the meeting. Tim will get together with Dave before that.

Still need to tackle topic of PPR and what is its purpose. Maybe we could get a session with Wendy Vanderhart and see what suggestions she has. We need some way to assess minister/parishioner expectations so both are aligned and satisfied. When there are issues people need a format to come with their version of a solution that can be worked on together to achieve a solution.

Few updates: Messiah was big hit and over \$4,000 will go to Puerto Rico.

Potluck all church dinner January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Maria is thinking next year that the festival chorus should hire out for receptions.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Doyle, Clerk

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