

The First Church of Christ “Old North” in Marblehead

Minutes of the Leadership Board – June 9, 2022

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 acts within the stated vision and approved budget that are outside the scope of a single ministry. It listens with faith and facilitates communications 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 via Zoom by Betsey H at 7pm. Attending: Betsey, Roy, Karen, Janet, Lisa, Maria, James, Lindsay. Our Interim Minister, Don Remick, led us in an opening prayer. The May minutes were accepted as submitted by Betsey and will appear in the ebulletin.

Note: The next Leadership Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 14, 2022. The Annual Open Meeting will take place via ZOOM on Wednesday June 15, 2022.

Blair gave his financial report through the end of May along with his comments that to date pledging has come in significantly below prior years. This will affect budgeting in the coming year.

Sally on behalf of Prudential spoke on how we had been spending significant money on infrastructure during the pandemic but that most of the work has now been done. We are very lucky to have the volunteer property services of Dave Bennett and Stow Walker. The steeple work can’t be done by American Steeple for another year and a half due to their schedule so the windows in the steeple will be boarded up so as to not cause any more damage. Other work that continues to be done includes some fence shoring up in the parking lot.

The personnel plan of compensation will be a priority for Prudential this coming year. Don Remick has experience in this area that should be very helpful. Don will also share his knowledge of fee structures of other churches for weddings and funerals. Old North is very much a community church but we need to learn how to charge accordingly for our services, especially to non-members.

Moving on to the Capital Campaign, Sally spoke of the need for leadership in the different task groups. She also said there will be small get togethers this summer where alternative fund raising ideas can be discussed but the plan is to launch the campaign in September with its duration being 14 weeks.

Three new members of the Leadership Board for 2022-2023 will be voted on at the Annual Open Meeting. They are Stephen Ainlay, Flory Denhard and Gary Eisenhower.

Maria will be writing thank you notes to those who donated to the Music Fund. Question as to what to do with the youth choir that the pandemic has very much disrupted.

Under new business Lisa reported that Carol Dale who used to work in the office has passed away. She also said that she and Meg had done the HAWK Walk and recommends it to all next year.

With no further business, Lindsay led us in a closing prayer. Adjourned at 8:30. Respectfully Janet Doyle