

**UCOT Board Meeting
December Meeting (December 14, 2019)
10:00-11:30
Bob Aubrecht's house**

In attendance: Virginia Saporta, Barb Scott, Bette Myerson, Mimi Owensby, Chuck Fawns, Margot Coleman, Bob Aubrecht, Bob Silver

Margot opened the meeting with a reading from Mitch Albom, The Path Made Clear

- **Minutes** of November meeting were approved MSC-U*
- **Treasurer's report:** \$11k in the black. Approved MSC-U*
 - o Discussion of CD at Knight Financial: We have a number of options including Gary K's suggestion of a savings account at a Credit Union. It was decided to buy a 6 month CD and, in the meantime, research options.
- **Continuing items**
 - o Pledge drive: Pledges currently \$100 over what was expected. 5 pledges remaining to be made. Bob and Bette sent reminders. He will make an announcement at church and bring extra cards in case they're needed. Bette will send a reminder to those who haven't fulfilled their 2019 pledge.
- **New Items:**
 - o December 29 Burning Bowls Service: Christine Robinson will deliver a sermon. Compensation: \$250 + \$133 travel expenses
 - o Fifth Sundays: (March, May, August, November) Possible Chautauqua model. Topics should correspond with UU principles. Bob will form and chair planning committee. Suggested members: Mya Coursey, Val Landi, Gael Minton?
 - o Music performed by congregation members: concern has been expressed. Requests to perform will be referred to Music Committee who will determine whether it's appropriate.
 - o Date for Annual Meeting: February 2 (first Sunday in February from now on) Announcement will be made tomorrow in church to place items on the agenda. Margot will order lunch for 30-35 people.
 - o Community Outreach: Wide ranging discussion. Bob Silver presented second letter he and Dianne Frost wrote regarding this (see attached). In essence, they question whether what we are doing is outreach. Is it consistent with UU mission? Bob gave example of sponsoring music in the community to attract new members to the congregation. Mimi contacted UUA Pacific Western to get perspective as to how the denomination views the role of Community Outreach and found that it has more to do with what we do to get people into church and feeling welcome in church than with giving money. Margot will contact Pagosa Springs and Alamosa, CO, congregations to ask what they do. It was suggested we have conversations with Gary, Christine, Munro, Doug Inhofe for their perspectives on the matter.
- **Committee Reports**
 - o Outreach: see above
 - o Stewardship and Finance Committee: See above, Bob's report re: pledge drive

- o Fellowship Committee: Dinners for Six will resume in January. Virginia will begin making announcements and sign-up tomorrow
- o Communication/Media. Newsletter: We'll print 10 additional copies each month to hand out at circles. Chuck will place order for subscriptions to UU World.
- o Lodge/Masons: Bette has received a 5 year contract, which we made changes to but have not yet signed it.
- o Sharing Circles: On December 22, Marie Griffith will give a short presentation on A Course on Miracles and answer questions.
- o Service Calendar: Doug Inhofe is available to preach, in a pinch
- o Music: see above
- o Small Groups Update;
 - Men's Group: 15-17 attending. Focus will be on how people can cope with climate change issues
 - Hope Group meets 1st Thursday of every month
 - End of Life Project will meet at Margot's house
 - Practical Spirituality is meeting at Joy's house with four UU members
- **Closing Words:** Bob read from The Optimist Telescope by Vina Venpataramun

Next meeting: January 18, 2020 10:00-11:30 Bob's house

* MSC-U Moved, seconded, approved unanimously