

Minutes of the UCOT Board Meeting
January meeting (January 16, 2020)
10:00-11:30
Bob Aubrecht's House

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

- Mimi opened the meeting with a reading by Barbara Walker from *Life Prayer* (Roberts and Amidon)
- **Minutes** of December meeting were approved MSC-U*. It was determined that minutes would be published on the website each month.
- **Treasurer's report:** Bette submitted annual report with explanation. Income is up, expenses are down.
- **Continuing items**
 - Pledge Drive: Bob A. reported that all pledges are in except for one, and that person is out of town. Pledges came in just short of anticipation but are certainly adequate. Thanks to all members of Finance Committee who gave so generously of their time.
 - More Community Outreach letters: Margot contacted other area denominations—one did not have such a committee and expected members to make their own decisions re: community involvement. Another used a different name for a committee with a similar purpose. Mimi talked with UUA Pacific Western Region and was told that different congregations have different names for committees, and the purpose of committees is up to congregations. Bob S. interjected that he favors using monies allotted to Community Outreach for a part-time local minister. He also requested a proxy vote for him and for Dianne since they will not be attending the annual meeting. The board approved. How to conduct a conversation regarding these issues at the annual meeting was discussed. It was decided that Bob A. would present options (2 models and budget) and moderate discussion.
- **New Items:**
 - It was proposed to ask ministers for each of them to attend and participate in one Board meeting each year.
 - UU the Vote: Chuck Doughty sent a note outlining how we might participate with UU to get out the vote. The Board liked the idea but postponed discussion until next month.
 - Planning Annual Meeting: discussion for specific items to be acted upon and to be discussed. Agenda was developed as was the order of the meeting, presenters, and lunch to follow.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Small groups update: Chuck F reported that Men's Group is continuing discussion of how to cope with climate change. Graceful Exit workshop has been

offered and will be held in February and early March at Margot's house. It will be conducted by Chuck Fawns and Chris Westover.

- Music Committee: Martha's raise will be approved at annual meeting. She has already begun receiving it. Music committee is in charge of approving music for services. They are in the process of drafting a policy.
 - Sharing circles: Bette brought a proposal for a possible topic/speaker/musician. Barb will follow up.
 - Fellowship: Dinners for Six groups have been organized and will begin soon.
 - Stewardship and Finance: Bette reported that 6-month CDs were purchased with Knight Financial.
- Virginia closed the meeting with a reading from Rainer Maria Rilke.

Next meeting: March 7, 2020, Bob Aubrecht's house at 10 a.m.

*MSC-U Motion made, seconded, and carried-unanimously.