

**UCOT Board of Director's Meeting**  
**March 7, 2020**  
**Bob Aubrecht's Home**

**Members Present:** Bob Aubrecht, Chuck Doughty, Mimi Owensby, Margot Coleman, Joe Mazza, Barbara Scott and Bette Myerson

The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM.

Agenda

I. Opening Words: Barbara from Steven Pressfield, *War of Art*

II. 2020 Census – Gillian Joyce

Gillian brought a lot of information regarding the census for this year and explained how important it is for everyone to be involved in getting people to fill out the form. Taos County is an especially difficult county to get people to respond and in the past only 62% responded. So many of the important issues in our county depend on the number of people counted, including grant writing, economic development, etc. She left us with a lot of information and told us that she is hoping to have a table set up at the community center in Peñasco. Barbara volunteered to help, and Margot suggested asking her handyman, who lives in that area to help just to be a familiar face in his community.

III. Minutes of Annual Meeting

Bette motioned that the minutes be accepted and Margot seconded. Vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Minutes of January Board Meeting

Bette motioned that the minutes be accepted and Margot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

IV. Treasurer's report

Bette explained about transferring some of the money to Edward Jones and Bob mentioned that the rates were good and that there would be no fee.

Joe motioned that we accept the Treasurer's Report and Mimi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the Treasurer's Report.

#### V. Continuing Items"

a) Review of annual meeting, including approving minutes. As stated, this was reviewed earlier in the meeting and accepted.

#### VI.

a) Welcome to Dennis and Joe as new members of the board.

b) Half-day board retreat to discuss our processes?

The board discussed this option and it was decided that a half day on a Saturday would work and that it would be a good idea to ask Gary to be a part of the event.

c) Assignment of board duties:

Margot volunteered to be the secretary. Joe and Chuck agreed to be on the Worship Committee.

d) Cookie-selling at services

Joe was concerned about allowing Madison to sell Girl Scout Cookies at the service. Since she is the only child we have in the congregation and since the Outreach Committee has supported the Girl Scouts in the past and they are now self-supporting, it was decided that selling the cookies once a year is acceptable.

#### VII. Committee Reports

a) Admin (Barb)

Newsletter content due today. Rachel is still doing a great job.

At the annual meeting, Carole suggested that we look at hiring a part-time minister. And that with the help of UUA, data can be collected regarding guidelines for salary and benefits.

b) Service calendar

In March, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service will start with a presentation from Gillian regarding the census and then Bob will do a talk regarding the kinds of events we might have in the future for 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays such as Social Justice, Immigration, Gun Control, etc. We need a working group of about 3-5 people to work on this plan.

c) Outreach (Mimi)

Mimi advised the board that the Outreach Committee has voted to change the name of the committee to the Charitable Giving Committee. Joe motioned that this change be accepted and Barb seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the name change. It will be announced on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the service.

d) Music (Bette)

Rick de Stefano will be performing on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the entire year has been established. There was much discussion regarding members of the congregation who wish to sing. It was decided that a member who wishes to sing at the service will be accepted only after an audition.

e) Stewardship and Finance Committee (Bob)

f) Dinners for 6. Jeremy Paine has been added to the schedule.

g) Communication/Media/Newsletter (Barb)

h) Small groups (all)

i) Lodge/Masons update (Bette)

Barbara has signed the lease but it has not as yet been signed by the Lodge.

j) Sharing Circles (Barb)

Some discussion was had regarding the Care Community. It was decided that it is not a committee.

Regarding the video which Sally produced for the congregation, Chuck has seen it and says it was well done. It was decided that Sally be presented roses after the video and that we will serve cake after the service.

VIII. Closing Words (Bette)

My Symphony by William

By William Ellery Channing who was an original Unitarian minister.

The reading was from An Almanac For The Soul

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next meeting: April 18, 2020 at Bob Aubrecht's Home.