

Minutes of UCOT Board of Director's Meeting
April 18, 2020
Zoom, 10:00-11:30 AM

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM. Members present were: Chuck Fawns, Barbara Scott, Joe Mazza, Bette Myerson, Mimi Owensby, Margot Coleman, Dennis Scott, Bob Aubrecht, and Bob Silver who is attending by listening only.

Agenda

- I. Opening Words-Barb from the Tao of Leadership, #21, Tao is Universal
- II. Minutes of March Meeting

There were a couple of corrections. Chuck's last name is Fawns, not Doughty. Sorry Chuck. Joe didn't remember that it was suggested that he and Chuck be a part of a Worship Committee but Barb told him that he had been asked to help with that. Margot also spelled Caryle Zorumski's first name incorrectly.

Barb said that she will be a part of meeting for emerging congregations of the Southwest on April 21st and will have more information regarding a Worship Committee.

The minutes of the March 7th meeting were approved with corrections.

Minutes of March 30 Special Meeting and Minutes of April 8 were approved for Bob and Bette.

- III. Treasurer's Report (Bette)

The church has received some more pledges. As there is no plate collection while we are social distancing, we have less monthly income but we are also not having to pay rent. Munro, Gary, Rachel and Martha are continuing to be paid. The UUA assessment, which was due in March, will be paid in April.

The Treasure's Report was approved as presented.

- IV. Continuing Items

- a. UCOT CARES follow-up

The congregation has collected \$5,610 for the fund, and the church matched the first \$5,000 so Bette wrote checks for, as decided during the March 30 special meeting, for a total of \$10,610. Joe asked if there will be an end date for the pledge. Bob and Barb suggested that we continue for at least a couple of months as the relief checks continue to come in. Barb asked Bob to announce the fund again during the church service tomorrow.

- b. UCOT as trusted for nonprofits without 501(c)3 status

Bette told us that her temple, B'nai Shalom Havurah, has agreed to be the fiscal sponsor for Taos Immigrant Allies. They are already the fiscal sponsor for Art Streams. Sin Fronteras has found someone to sponsor them.

V. New Items

- a) Streaming Sunday Service assessment – The board members were happy with the success of the Zoom services. The last service had 24 members sign in. There will be no music. Rachel is producing the services. Barb asked that Bob thank Gary for all the calls he made to members of our congregation. The board would like to encourage both ministers to sign in even if they aren't supplying the sermon. Joe asked about announcements and it was decided to add them in after the Welcome.
- b) Online Sharing Circles assessment – The online sessions are going well. Chuck felt that a number of people are sharing from the heart and that the people might feel safer online than in person. Barbara felt that the sharing circles are particularly important for Jeremy as he is further from the congregation and more isolated.
- c) UU providing Girl Scout cookies for first responders such as hospital staff. It was decided that the church will donate 25 boxes for \$125.00 for this activity and that it will be included in the Charitable Giving line item. Bob will make the announcement tomorrow during the service and Elaine and Madison will deliver the cookies to Holy Cross. The board unanimously approved this expenditure.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Admin
- b) Service Calendar – Barb has sent out invitations to our regular lay leaders if they feel comfortable serving in that role on Zoom in the same schedule as we'd previously used. She will send out another email since no one responded. There will not be a 5th Sunday this month. Sally's video was to be presented on May 31st but it was felt that planning that far in advance is probably not wise.
- c) Charitable Giving – next meeting is on April 28th by Zoom.
- d) Music – planned music presentations should be canceled for the foreseeable future.
- e) Stewardship & Finance
- f) Fellowship – It would be good for people to meet up in a Zoom meeting for Dinners for 6. Bob offered to have members call him for hikes and that they can meet up at the trailheads.
- g) Communication/Media/Newsletter
- h) Small Groups – The Hope Group is still meeting and are discussing the Eckhart Tolle book Stillness Speaks. The Men's and Women's Groups are meeting through Zoom.
- i) Lodge/Masons update – We will not be paying rent while holding our service via the internet. The lease has been signed.
- j) Sharing Circles –

VII. For closing words, Joe sang "What a Wonderful World" to us.

The next meeting is 5/16 via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21PM.