

UCOT Board of Director's Meeting

June 27, 2020

Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

Members present: Margot Coleman, Barbara Scott, Bette Myerson, Bob Aubrecht, Dennis Scott, Chuck Fawns, Joe Mazza and Mimi Owensby

Agenda:

- I. Opening words: Margot – The Way of Kindness by Jack Kerouac
- II. Minutes of May Meeting: Margot – The minutes were accepted as written
- III. Treasurer's Report: Bette – The CD interest accrues and is included at the maturity date which will be this summer. There are again concerns regarding pledges which are currently below expected. Bette will provide a note from the Treasurer at the end of June
- IV. Continuing items
 - a) UCOT Cares follow-up (Bette) – The program so far has raised \$13,392, plus \$5,000 which is UCOT's contribution. Total amount donated is \$18,392.00
- V. New Items:
 - a) Plan for reopening (Bob & Joe) – It is fairly clear that because of the hotspots where CORONVIRUS is resurging, that it is not a good idea to try to have services at the Mason's Lodge in person. Some ideas were considered, including having a few of the people including the pastor, Rachel, Barbara, Joe and others who are instrumental during the in-person services and including cell phone videos. Margot asked if we know what the limit is at the lodge. Bette said that it is 100, which would mean only 25 people could be inside. Then there is the whole issue regarding sanitizing everything, taking people's temperatures at the door, wearing masks and perhaps gloves. There was some information was given in order to track the spread of the virus.

One of the concerns of the board is that people who were regular attendees at the services are not always coming to the Zoom services. Two of the people are Marianne Furedi and Virginia Saporta. The board asked if we had an email list of 25 people. The board is considering having each member of the board contact some of the people who do not attend Zoom services just to check in and see how they're doing and why they aren't attending the Zoom meetings.

Bob will keep an eye on the State Guidelines. Dennis feels that everyone must make their own decisions about the risk. Margot suggested that the church might be liable if someone comes to church and then comes down with the virus. Bette felt that it would be hard to prove that the church service was responsible.

- b) UU the Vote (Barb) – We are all concerned about making sure that everyone who wants to vote should be able to vote. Marjorie Luckey is very involved in this campaign. Because we can't have tables in public and other kinds of rallies, Marjorie's husband says she is losing sleep. We discussed how to find a way to help. Margot said she would help with mailings but wouldn't do cold calling. Barb said she would help with that also.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Admin-Barbara's term as president is up at the end of December. The board will need to find a new president so we will put it on the agenda for next month. Barbara and Rachel will work on adding music to the Zoom services.
- b) Service calendar – On Sept. 27, Becky Reardon and Sue Cerulean will be doing the service as previously scheduled. The 5th Sunday on August 30th will be a Chautauqua styled service led by Bob Aubrecht. Bob let the board know that Chautauqua will be doing Zoom programs for the entire summer, live or recorded webinar.
- c) Charitable Giving – Mimi – Jane Starks failed to attend the last meeting and so the committee voted to continue the distributions as previously decided upon by the committee and the vote was unanimous to continue those distributions. Mimi talked about the new donations for the Little Food Pantry. It was decided that those donations should be put on the recipient list. Currently, Val, Yvonne, Bette, Mimi, Mary, Margot, Patsy and Linda are buying food and filling the box on a daily basis.
- d) Music – Bette – On August 2nd, we have special music which we will keep. Barbara asked Bette to keep Gael in the loop and she agreed.
- e) Small Groups – Dennis – The Hope Group is now reading Krista Tippett's book Becoming Wise.
- f) Sharing Circles – Barbara – Gary will be leading the August 23rd circle on class and racism. Jeanine Borree will be quitting the group as a leader. It was suggested that Jeanne Montclair be considered to replace Jeanine.

VII. Closing Words – Bob – Wallace Stegner – Crossing to Safety.

The next meeting : July 18, 2020 on Zoom at 1:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM