

UCOT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2020 VIA ZOOM

1:00

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

- I. Opening Words – Joe
Joe read a poem from 1875 by William Henley called INVICTUS.
- II. Minutes of June Meeting – The minutes were accepted as amended.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Bette

Diane Frost and Jim Schultz would like to have us take UCOT Cares out of the financial report. Jim and Bette were unable to set up CD's with Nusenda. Bob is working on setting up CD's with Del Norte Credit Union. The closest branch is in Espanola. The finance committee would like to try to increase pledges to raise another \$4,000.00 to donate to COVID- related needs. The board discussed instead relating to COVID-19 issues by offering another matching grant of \$4,000.00 from our program and taking another \$4,000.00 out of short-term reserves in an effort to raise the \$4,000.00 through contributions instead of pledges. The church received another \$1,500.00 for UCOT Cares.

The financial report was accepted as amended.

- IV. Continuing Items
 - A) UCOT Nurturing the Spirit film – Margot
Margot said that Sally will have the film finished by the end of August and will turn it over to Rachel. After that, although she would like to see it presented on the 5th Sunday in November, she is happy to let the board decide when to have the screenings.

- B) Presidential search committee report (Bob, Chuck and Joe) – The board discussed possible Presidential possibilities. Joe was asked but turned us down as it is just not the right time for him. Dennis Scott was suggested and the board

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discussed the pros and cons and Barbara was asked to speak with him and judge his commitment to the church and his desire to do the work.

- C) Chuck asked to be able to present his research on the Gadfly Papers at the next board meeting.

V. New Items

- a) August's 5th Sunday – Bob is prepared to speak about the Chautauqua program.
- b) End of year and next year's programming for 2nd and 4th Sundays (see service schedule) – Work is going into the rest of 2020 and into 2021 and a revised schedule will be forthcoming

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Administration – Barbara – Bob suggested the board needs to schedule the annual lunches with Munro and Gary via Zoom separately and not on a board meeting day. 2021 raises will be discussed next month at the September board meeting.
- b) Charitable Giving Committee – Mimi

Mimi provided the board with a list of the groups the committee is giving money to. The committee has kept some money aside in case of emergencies during this pandemic situation.

- c) Music – Bette and Joe – Kim had to postpone. Michael Virga will be performing for the service on October 18th.
- d) Stewardship & Finance Committee – Bob
The committee provided information regarding the pledge drive. Bette will be sending the letters out by the end of September. Some members will be called and the decision about who will be called and by whom will be decided early next month. It is important to get comments, questions and feedback from the congregation. Barb and Bob will put the letter together for the pledge mailing by September 1.

VII. Closing Words – Barb

Barb read The Hunger to Belong by John O'Donahue from Eternal Echoes.

The next meeting will be on September 12, 2020 at 1:00 on Zoom.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

