

UCOT BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2020

1:00 PM Via Zoom

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

Agenda:

I. Opening Words (Mimi)

Mimi read A Harvest of Gratitude by Percival Chubb

II. Minutes of October Meeting (Margot)

The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report (Bette)

The report was approved as presented.

IV. Continuing Items

- a) Pledge campaign updates – feedback from phone calls (all)

The budgeted amount was \$36,000.00 and we have received \$32,000.00

The board members have spoken to a number of people in the congregation regarding a number of issues while speaking with them about their pledges. In general there were no direct issues regarding our ministers. Some of the members do not like or are unable to use Zoom. There is one member who still disagrees regarding our contributions to charitable organizations in our community. There was another member who felt we spent too much money on music. In general the members are in support of UCOT Cares.

- b) UCOT CARES, discuss after receiving feedback from phone calls (all)

Joe is in favor of another drive but only after we collect on all the pledges for this year. Bette mentioned that we started UCOT CARES with the promise of stimulus checks. It does not appear that another round of checks are on the horizon.

V. New Items

- a) Help fund fibreoptic to students via Kit Carson? (Bob)

The research into this is currently not in progress. It was suggested that letters be written to the Utility Commission.

- b) Start planning annual meeting (all)

Barbara asked if anyone had the minutes from the last annual meeting in February. Margot said that she thought she did and would send them out. Packages will have to be sent out by email this year hopefully 2 weeks before meeting on January 31, 2021. Bette will have the Financial Report ready. Mimi will be responsible for a report on the Charitable Giving Committee. Barbara would like the yearly calendar to be filled out as best we can concerning Gary and Munro. Bob offered to speak about vaccines and give a general idea about when we might all be able to meet in person again. UCOT CARES will be brought up in the meeting to see how the members of the congregation feel about a second drive. Barbara presented the new format for the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The 2nd Sunday will be written via email, and the 4th Sunday will be on Zoom. Dennis will host the Zoom circles. The topic will be the same for both Sundays which will be a quote or a topic, hopefully spiritual in nature. There will be volunteers who will have the topic and will know how to keep the discussion going. Dennis will make the announcement at the annual meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Admin (Barb)

Sally Savage would like to would like to help with the audio side of meetings and services. The board agreed that it might be a good idea to get her some training as backup to Rachel, just in case.

- b) Charitable Giving Committee – Mimi said she was grateful for the additional money which was given to the committee from the Voting Project. The committee spent \$200

for the Hospital debt, \$150 for the Men's Homeless Shelter and \$150 for Heart House. Taos Immigrant Allies has asked for additional donations.

- c) Stewardship and Finance Committee – Bob is working on the CD money with Guadalupe Credit Union.
- d) Small groups – Chuck said the Covenant group meets every 2 weeks. The men's group meets the third Wednesday of the month

Chuck mentioned that he has continued our subscription to UU World for members of the Congregation. 34 people will be included for only 2 magazines a year.

Joe mentioned the HOPE service on the 29th which he will lead and will include music by Becky Reardon.

VII. Closing Words (Bette)

Bette read a poem by Lyn Ungar called Pandemic. It was very well received and Bette offered to send us all a copy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.