

UCOT Board Meeting

December 19, 2020

1 PM on Zoom

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margot Coleman, Barb Scott, Bob Aubrecht, Chuck Fawns, Bette Myerson, Mimi Owensby, Joe Mazza, Dennis Scott

Guests in attendance: Munro Sickafoose and Chuck Doughty

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

AGENDA

I. Opening Words (Joe)

Joe read from our hymnbook Singing in the Living Tradition, Hymn #431 by Barbara Wells

II. Minutes of the November meeting (Margot)

The minutes were accepted as presented

III. Treasurer's Report (Bette)

Bette has been the Treasurer for 9 years and is resigning at the end of this year.

Pledges are down some because we have lost one member, one member has family issues to consider and one member because of objection to a minister.

The report was approved as presented.

IV. Continuing Items

- a) UCOT CARES – Discuss after pledges are fulfilled (all)

Pledges have not been totally fulfilled. This should be brought up again at the annual meeting regarding possible matching funds with \$600.00 stimulus checks.

V. NEW ITEMS

a) Chuck Doughty on Earth Day events (Chuck D)

The proposal is to approve the concept to join the Interfaith Power and Light Climate Action Week efforts April 16-25,2021 by:

1. Appointing a UCOT Taos Climate Action Week planning committee which will oversee:
 - a) Review of the IPL organizing kits
 - b) Explore options for Interfaith and Intercultural programs or activities
 - c) Work with Gary on the April 18 Sunday service program
 - d) Give monthly report to board
 - e) Suggested members included Chuck Doughty, Bette Myerson who declined, Gael and Ty Minton and Bob Silver

Chuck Doughty signed up for materials which he might receive in January. The Board will announce the event and our participation at the annual meeting in January and a lead-in announcement will be for the 1st Sunday in January.

Chuck gave us an information reference – WWW.faithclimateactionweek.org

A motion was made to appoint a planning committee and the motion was passed.

b) Lay Leader and circle facilitators: Should they be members or are committed friends ok? (Joe)

It was decided that the circle facilitators need not necessarily be a member who pledges money, but is a member of service. Lay leaders need to be members. It was also mentioned that the Directory should be updated and be made available in January. Even though the job is probably one for the secretary, Barb offered to continue keeping the directory current for the foreseeable future even though she will be leaving the board. She also offered pick up the membership directory at the Masonic Lodge.

c) Signers on the Centinel checking account (Bette)

The account requires 2 signatures on each check and there should be 3 board members who are authorized to sign. Margot was asked to write a resolution to present to Centinel Bank

authorizing Bob Aubrecht as President, the new Treasurer which will be Joe Mazza and one other board member, Mimi Owensby to sign checks.

- d) Voting on Joe as a replacement for Bette as Treasurer

The motion to elect Joe as the new Treasurer was passed unanimously. The Congregation will affirm the election at the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2021.

- e) Bylaws Changes (Chuck F)

There was a discussion regarding the changes presented by Barbara and Chuck. The board voted and approved the changes which Chuck will put together and send out for a vote to approve at the Annual Meeting.

- f) Planning annual meeting (all)

Items that need to be covered during the Annual Meeting:

- 1) The subject of possible reopening of services in person
- 2) UCOT Cares
- 3) Questions and Answers, criticisms
- 4) Information about Charitable Giving Committee
- 5) Calendar for services and circles
- 6) Financial Report
- 7) Voting to approve board

The materials that need to be sent via email:

- 1) Invitation (Barbara)
- 2) Agenda (Barbara)
- 3) Minutes of the 2020 Meeting
- 4) 2020 Annual Report, 2021 Budget & Notes (Bette)
- 5) Charitable Giving recipients list (Mimi) plus anything Mimi might want to say on the subject of some of the recipients.
- 6) Calendar (Joe)
- 7) Directory (Barbara)

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Music – Martha purchased a microphone and stand and the church will pay her back
- b) Stewardship – There will be two Zoom sessions of Chautauqua. Stipends will need to be paid for speakers.
- c) Small groups – the men’s group was moved because of Hanukkah.

d) Sharing circles – 5 of the 12 facilitators have signed up

VII. Closing Words (Barb)

Barb read words from the Tao te Ching

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM

Next Meeting: Jan. 16, 2021 1PM on Zoom