

UCOT BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2021

10:00 AM via Zoom

Agenda/Members present: Bob Aubrecht, Chuck Fawns, Margot Coleman, Mimi Owensby, Dennis Scott and Joe Mazza

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM

- I. Opening Words: Margot read from the Dalai Lama Book of Quotes by Travis Hellstrom
- II. Minutes of January 2021 Meeting (Margot)

The minutes were accepted as corrected with the word excerpted having been misspelled.

III. Treasurer's Report (Joe)

The December 31, 2020 budget was approved as presented. For the January 31, 2021 report, the Special Speakers was budgeted as 0. There will however be special speakers specifically for the 5th Sunday Chautauqua sessions. The budget set for the Charitable Giving Committee is still not set in stone and it depends on the donations given by the congregation. Joe will speak with Bette regarding where the \$2,200.00 should be reported in the Treasurer's Report.

The January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report was approved with stipulations as noted.

IV. Continuing Items

a) UCOT Cares 2 Campaign

Because of the information given to the congregation by Marjorie Luckey, the UCOT Cares Campaign will need to address shelter as well as food. Some of the decisions will depend on the amount of stimulus checks expected. It was decided that we would let the charities we give to make the decisions regarding the shelter

issue since we do not have the information needed to allocate the funds properly. It was decided to wait for the March board meeting to make the decision regarding the campaign at which time we should have more information regarding stimulus checks.

V. New Items:

a) Review of 2021 UCOT Annual Meeting

Dennis felt we had a good turnout especially since the meeting was on Zoom. The issue regarding whether or not to include Universalism in our title which was brought up by Bob Silver has been covered and is too complicated to pursue.

b) Process for selecting substitute/fill-in ministers for services

How do we go about parameters for selecting substitute ministers? It was decided that Joe and Chuck would work up a list for evaluations of substitute speakers. They will also include a list of possible substitute ministers.

c) Revisions to 2021 budget for ministers expenses.

There are currently no travel expenses for the ministers while the congregation meets on Zoom. Each minister receives \$25.00 for each article they submit for the newsletter. Joe will get information from Bette regarding travel expenses for fill-in speakers. The amount budgeted for the ministers will be looked at and possible adjusted as each minister does not attend all 12 of the sermons for which they are budgeted.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Admin – The ministers are contracted for 10 services per year. We need to find out which services they will not be available to attend. The circle

facilitators are covered for the next couple of months but May 9 is not covered. Dennis is working on finding someone.

The May 30th Fifth Sunday Chautauqua panel will be covered by local people and the topic will be land, water, and forest. There will be a facilitator. Each person will speak for approximately 15 minutes and their presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Bob will be writing a piece in the next newsletter regarding when we might possibly meet in person and will outline the State guidelines regarding meeting in outdoor spaces.

b) Charitable Giving Committee

Mimi suggested that we give money to the Men's Homeless Shelter above and beyond the monthly 4th Friday dinner.

c) Fellowship

The Dinner for 6 are still on hold until we are able to meet in person.

d) Communication – Bob will be doing a brief article in the newsletter called The President's Corner. Bob has asked that everyone read the weekly emails and asked Joe to do a quarterly update regarding the congregation's finances.

e) Small Groups

Chuck said the Men's Group is going well and is attended by generally 12 men. Plus the Hope Group has 9 members and is doing well.

f) Bette is going to continue to be the contact with the Masonic Lodge.

VII. Closing Words (MIMI)

Mimi read a piece from Somerset Maugham.

The Meeting was ended at 11:38 AM.

The next meeting: March 20, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom

