

UCOT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2021

10:00 am AT BOB AUBRECHT'S HOME

Members present: Joe Mazza, Bob Aubrecht, Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby and Margot Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM

Agenda

- I. **Opening Words: From Stillness Speaks by Eckhart Tolle, Dogs**
- II. **The Minutes of the May 2021 Meeting (Margot)**

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

- III. **Treasurer's Report (Joe)**

There were no new funds for UCOT Cares 2 or for the Little Food Pantry.

The report was accepted as presented.

- IV. **Continuing Items**

- a) **UCOT Cares Campaign**

Since there was no new money in May the Board decided to put the total amounts donated together for both the UCOT Cares 2 campaign and the LFP requests and present it to the congregation. There will also be an article in the monthly newsletter which will include the 2nd quarter figures.

b) Restart dinners for 6 (Margot)

Only one member responded to the announcement. It was decided to pause the restart of the dinners until the fall. Margot suggested a picnic possibly at Pilar. Bob recommended Wild Rivers Recreation Area on the Monday of Labor Day Weekend. Margot was asked to call the BLM regarding reservations.

c) Possible Community Volunteer opportunity (Bob)

Bob told us about how messy the parking area at the main post office is and suggested that we get a volunteer group together to clean up the parking lot including removing trash and weeds and putting up a sign with our name on it. Bob will check with the post office to see if they will allow it.

d) Comments on May 5th Chautauqua Program (Bob)

The general consensus is that the program was well received. The following programs will spend more time on each of the issues. The August program will address water including acequias, streams, and the Rio Grande. It will also include environmental water policy. Joe said that he feels that we should also address Well permits.

V. NEW ITEMS

a) Preliminary planning for post-COVID-19 services and Circles

Members will be provided with a list of the best practices for coming together which will include full vaccinations. We will also have fans and possibly an air conditioner and open doors. The first service in the lodge will be August 1st and will have Jeanne as our minister. Christine Robinson will have the 15th of August.

Gary will be at the September 2nd Service.

There will be a coffee service and Bob recommends that we get a large box of donuts for a snack. There will be an article in the emails regarding the beginning of services in the lodge.

Regarding the Circles, Chuck will check with the people who regularly attend and see how they feel about meeting in person.

b) 2021 Services Schedule – updated

Nothing new to add.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Stewardship– The committee has not been able to find a local bank or credit union that responds to queries. Bob recommends that we use an online Banking Service for our \$85,009.00 surplus by taking out 1, 2, and 3-year CD's and keep rolling them out.
Chuck would like to know if we should keep our telephone number.
Evidently it is a pager. Joe has offered to take over the messages on the phone.
- b) Fellowship – Labor Day picnic organization
- c) Charitable Giving – It would be a good idea to include regular reports for the congregation and include requests for help.
- d) Music – Gael is still in charge but Mimi has agreed to take over from Joe and notify the board of any new items. They are looking into special music through the fall.

- e) Publicity – We will consider advertising about the Chautauqua group in the future.
- f) Small groups – The Covenant Group or Hope Group has a 6-month commitment from the members.

Bob would like the Women's Group to start again. Margot agreed to contact the women in the congregation for a meeting regarding the beginning of the group. The discussion included night meetings during the winter months. The board will look into having the meetings at the lodge. The Masons charge \$25.00 for each use of the lodge.

- g) Sharing Circles – Dennis is still recruiting for people to be in charge of each meeting but he believes that they are heading in the right direction.

VII. Closing Words (Bob)

Bob read from page 15 of the Churchworks book.

The next meeting of the board will be July 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Bob Aubrecht's home.