

# UCOT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 21, 2021**

**10:00 AM via Zoom**

Members present: Margot, Bob, Chuck, Joe, Mimi, Dennis

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM

## Agenda

- I. Opening Words (Joe) – The chapter of Love from the Bible, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13
- II. Minutes of July Meeting (Margot) – The minutes were approved as corrected
- III. Treasurer’s Report (Joe) -The report was approved as presented
- IV. Continuing Items
  - a) 2021 Service and Circles schedules – updates (Bob and Dennis)

Matthew Pargeter will do the September 5<sup>th</sup> service. Joe spoke with Doug Inhofe and he is not willing to do Zoom services. Father Mike who was the priest at St. James is willing to do a service either in person or by Zoom. In November we will have the Day of the Dead hosted by Marsha Fawns. There will not be a feast for our Feast day but we will have a virtual Thanksgiving service which will include reflections and some people’s reasons for feeling grateful. Bob asked Margot to handle choosing people to speak. Munro is coming back for the December 5<sup>th</sup> service. Dennis is having a Circles brainstorming session to find people willing to lead a circle as no one is scheduled after tomorrow.

- b) Return to Zoom Services and Circles (Bob)  
We will stay on Zoom for services and Circles for the foreseeable future.

- c) Jeanne Montclair's role – A majority of the members who have spoken are in favor of continuing Jeanne's role as she has a completely different view from both Gary and Munro. Chuck told us that her positive, younger female and literary focus is refreshing. Bob thinks it would be a good thing for Gary to speak with her and coach her as he did for Munro when he started. It might be a good idea to give Jeanne a more permanent role with a definitive number of services per year.
- d) Need for Fifth Sunday planning volunteers (Bob) – The only 2 people left on the planning committee are Bob and Gael. Bob will write an article in the Newsletter in order to find people to join the committee and help. Another couple of options are to ask Jeanne to do the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays or to not worry about the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at all and just not have a service.

#### V. New Items

- a) Worship Committee Formation (Joe) – It is decided that a Worship Committee at this time is probably not needed. We are through a difficult situation over the last few months and we can probably return to maintenance mode and not start a new committee. Chuck asked us to read Ann Heller's book about Worship Committee.

#### VI. Committee Reports

##### a) Admin- Bob

Bob would like next year's schedule for the calendar. The annual meeting is in January and he would like for us to start preparing for that. There are 3 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays next year, in May, July and October.

##### b) Charitable Giving – They are having a meeting next Tuesday.

##### c) Music – Julie will be the special music on October 17<sup>th</sup> and will play the harp. She is willing to do it on Zoom and Martha has offered to let her play at her house for the microphone.

##### d) Stewardship and Finance Committee – Bob

We are losing Stephanie which is a huge loss both financially and personally. He will be starting the annual pledge drive soon.

- e) Fellowship – we are in a maintenance mode as we are unable to meet in person.
- f) Communication – We continue the weekly emails and the monthly newsletters.
- g) Small groups – Chuck says the men’s group had 10 people at their last meeting.
- h) Sharing Circles – Dennis will follow p on Circle with Jeanne. Having a recruiting session including coaching support for new volunteers would be a good idea.

Closing Words (Bob) – A Walk Through the Year by Edwin Teale from the August 21<sup>st</sup> Walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Next meeting: September 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.