

UCOT BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2021

10 AM ON ZOOM

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

Agenda

- I. Opening Words (Dennis) The opening words were from Mary Oliver Look and See
- II. Minutes of November Meeting (Margot)

The minutes were accepted as presented

- III. Treasurer's Report (Joe)

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

- IV. Continuing Items

- V. A) 2021 Service and Circles schedules – (Bob and Dennis)

Dennis will update the board on the Circles.

- b) Funding for LFP for 2021 and 2022 (Mimi and Joe)

The board feels that \$30.00 per day for the 2 stewards is too much for the LFP and believe it should be decreased to \$25.00. It was decided to lower the budget for the LFP to \$1,300.00 per year. It was decided that there should be articles regarding the LFP and the Men's Homeless Shelter meals in order to find more volunteers.

- c) New Board members (Bob)

Bob is still trying to get in touch with Mary Gray.

- d) 2022 pledge drive update (Joe and Bob)

The pledge drive is about \$8,000.00 behind. If it continues to be behind

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We will have a deficit of about \$7,800.00. We discussed cancelling the UU magazine subscription since some of us haven't received the last issue. It was decided to give Martha, Rachel, Gary and Munro the equitable compensation. Bob has asked Joe to look into the Cost of Living Allowance to decide how much.

We will need to look at some of the other expenses and see if we can decrease or cancel them.

e) 2022 Service schedule (Bob)

In spite of Munro and Gary travelling to Durango to help out their UU Church for the first half of the year, our schedule with them will not change. The Circles schedule will also not change.

VI. New Items

VII.

a) Preliminary 2022 Budget (Joe and Bob)

As previously mentioned, the board is looking at ways to decrease our expenses if the pledges continue to decrease.

b) Caring Committee (Chuck)

Chuck has suggested that we reestablish the Caring Committee which has lost steam during the pandemic. He would like to reconstitute the committee post-pandemic. He feels we should have a Statement of Purpose and that the members of the committee will stay in touch with members of our community on a personal level. He would like the committee to touch base with Gary and see what his ideas might be.

c) Preliminary planning for January 23, 2022 UCOT Annual meeting

Our meeting this year is on the 4th Sunday of January which will be January 23, 2022. Gary will give the service on the 5th Sunday of January. The 2nd and 3rd Sundays of January will be Circles.

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One of the items to be discussed is plans for reopening in-person services. Bob has asked the congregation for items they would like to talk about during the annual meeting. If we start to have in-person services, booster shots are important.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Music – The plan is to lower the budget to \$600.00 for the year while we are still having Zoom services.
- b) Small Groups – The men’s group and the Hope group are still doing well. The Women’s Group is still on hold until we can meet in person.
- c) Sharing Circles – New people are joining. There are usually 10 or more per meeting.
- d) Lodge – The key to the Lodge door is still missing. Bob will check with the McLoughlin’s to see if they know where it is.

Closing Words (Bob)

Bob read from Ilya Kaminsky’s Poets Talk about Faith.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2022 10AM on Zoom – Planning for 2022 Annual Meeting. We need to finalize everything so that the mailing of documents to the congregation can go out on the 23rd. So we must have documents from the board by the 18th or 19th.