

UCOT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2021

10 AM via Zoom

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

Agenda

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM

The meeting order was change a bit in order to speak with Munro before the rest of the board's business was addressed.

Munro is now living in Chimayo and is looking forward to his sermon on December 5th. He mentioned the newsletter by Robert Hubbell and thought it was worth listening to. He also mentioned Gary's blood clot emergency.

- I. Opening Words (Joe) – Joe read from our Hymnal, Singing the Living Traditions, number 419 by Kahli Dhasa.
- II. Minutes of October meeting (Margot) – The minutes were approved as presented.
- III. Treasurer's report (Joe) – We are short of the projected budget this year. At least 12 parishioners have not responded to the pledge request. If we don't meet our budgeted income we may need to count on funds from the surplus account. Bob asked that members of the board contact those who have not responded to the pledge drive. Joe will send a list of those members in the coming week. This issue will need to be raised during the annual meeting.
- IV. Continuing Items
 - a) 2021 Service and Circles schedules – updates (Bob and Dennis)
Munro is scheduled for the 5th of December and Gary is scheduled for the 19th. Bob will contact Gary regarding his topic and if he will be able to do the service on that day. Dennis said that the topic for UCOT B OF D Minutes 11/20/21

November's circles is Angels. They are considering the new topic for December.

The annual meeting is the 4th Sunday of January the 23rd. Gary will be doing the 5th Sunday in January.

- b) Funding for LFP for 2021 and 2022 (Mimi and Joe) – At present, the church has budgeted \$30/week each for Mimi and Elaine. The money collected in pledges will not be enough to fund both the LFP and the Men's Homeless shelter dinners.
- c) New Board members (Bob) – Barbara Scott has agreed to join the board as an ex-officio member as long as the meetings can be held in the afternoon instead of the morning. Chuck will become a voting member. Bob is still looking for new people to join the board.
- d) 2021 Pledge drive (Joe and Bob) – This issue was covered in the Treasurer's report.
- e) 2022 Service schedule (Bob) – Munro and Gary are both considering helping out with the Durango Unitarian Church. Flexibility will be the key word for 2022. We will be looking for outside ministers and others to cover some of the services and these will need to be funded from the surplus.

V. New Items

- a) Munro's return from sabbatical (Munro) – This item was covered at the beginning of the meeting while Munro was with us.
- b) UCOT Directory Update (Bob) – Barbara Scott has offered to continue to do the directory and the update information will go out in the materials for the Annual Meeting.
- c) Afghan family project with UU Santa FE and UU Los Alamos (Bob) – Bob will be on a Zoom call regarding the needs for this project. Lutheran Family Services is also involved. Bob will keep us apprised of the situation. Bette Myerson is also collecting money to help the families through her Synagogue non-profit.

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VI. Committee Reports

- a) Music (Mimi) – The music budget for 2022 is \$600.00.
- b) Stewardship & Finance Committee (Bob) – We need to address the deficit situation as we are also short on plate donations.
- c) Small groups (Chuck) – so far so good
- d) Sharing Circles (Dennis) – new members have joined the groups and Dennis is optimistic regarding the future of the sharing circles.

VII. Closing Words (Chuck) – Chuck’s closing words were by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Next Meeting: 12/18/21 at 10AM on Zoom – Planning for 2022 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be on January 23rd at 11:00 via Zoom. We need to think about topics for future sermons. One of the options is Covid fatigue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.