

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

- I. **Attendance** – present were Bob Aubrecht, Chuck Fawns, Emily Gillispie, Joe Mazza, Mimi Owensby, Be Scott, and Dennis Scott.
- II. **Opening Words** - Mimi read a quotation from the book Quaker Wisdom.
- II. **Minutes of the January Meeting** - Bob asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Joe presented the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as written.
- IV. **2022 service and circle schedules updates** - Bob reported that Munro has requested a swap of the third and fourth Sundays in March. He would provide the service on 3/27, the fourth Sunday, which would mean that the circle that normally occurs then would have to move up to 3/20. Dennis said that they could accommodate that. Bob also said that he will finalize the 2022 schedule and send it out once he gets confirmation back from Gary and Munro.
- V. **New board members** – Bob welcomed returning board member Emily Gillispie, who agreed to fill the vacant board secretary role, and returning member Be Scott as ex officio. Chuck Fawns will now serve as a voting member.
- VI. **Revival of the Caring Team** – Chuck reported that Linda Aubrecht and Marianne Furedi had agreed to co-coordinate the Caring Team. Several aspects of the Caring Team still need to be developed prior to roll-out. Gary and Munro would like to be copied on any requests for assistance.
- VII. **Lost keys** – we will need to get two additional keys from Dave Cordova, and we'll need a locksmith for the cabinet.
- VIII. **Recognition of new members** – Lucy Jackson and her wife, Fanda Bender, inquired about how they could better connect with the congregation. Along with Lucy and Fanda, Jay Bunker has become a member of the congregation. Be and Bob will look for a suitable script so that they can be welcomed to the congregation, perhaps in May in combination with a flower-themed service. Joe volunteered to bring the membership book to them so that they can sign it.
- IX. **Possible change in email platform** – Rachel had asked if we would consider changing from Emma to Mail Chimp. Joe reported that our current email platform, Emma, was paid for yearly and came due every March 1st. In 2020 we paid \$295.80 for the service, and in 2021 we were billed \$316.56, although this has not been paid yet. Mail Chimp would be around \$30.00 a year cheaper. Be will contact Rachel and find out if she can transfer the headers and the email addresses from Emma to Mail Chimp by March 1st, and if not, they will find out if we can go month-to-month with Emma until the transition is complete.
- X. **Charitable Giving Committee Report** – Mimi reported that discussion on the list of charities that we donate to will begin at the next meeting, which is Tuesday, February 22nd.

XI. Music Committee – Mimi reported that Gael wants to wait until we are meeting in person again before any more special music is scheduled.

XII. Sharing Circles – Dennis reported that there are now two sessions per month. The first has no scheduled topic but can be an open discussion on whatever anyone wants to share. Amy Sletteland will be the chairperson.

XIII. Closing Words – Emily read the following from the back of the UU hymnal book:

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings, but connected, in mystery and miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

XIV. Next Meeting - March 26, 2022 at 1:00 pm, either in person or via Zoom.