

# UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 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** - Chuck read from Life: Part 2 by David Chernikoff.
- III. **Minutes of the March Meeting** - Approved as written.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – The January-March report was approved as written.
- V. **2022 service and circle schedules updates** - Bob reported that Doug Inhofe has agreed to provide the 7/17 service, as long as it is in person. Bob will send out an updated copy of the 2022 schedule.

The Fall Harvest still needs a coordinator if we are going to have one.

The Fifth Sunday Planning Committee has tabulated the votes, and the programs for this year will revolve around food issues in Taos, including food insecurity, sustainable agriculture, CSAs, support of local farmers, and other related topics. Our first speaker on 5/29 will be Micah Roseberry. The possibility of including the Taos Food Coop was raised. The Committee will discuss this at their next meeting on Tuesday 4/19.

It is likely that the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic would have to be canceled for this year, as there is a lack of volunteers.

- VI. **UU World Subscriptions** – Chuck reported that he hoped that everything was now straightened out, and that he would have copies available at our in-person meetings.
- VII. **Lost keys** – Joe spoke with Dave Cordova about getting us additional keys, and Dave had no problem with doing that. Joe recommended that he be given one set, since he always comes in earliest to set up the sound system, and that the sharing circle coordinators be given a set, assuming that they agree to meet in person.
- VIII. **Return to Dinners for Six** – Nancy Schultz had previously volunteered to coordinate this, but Bob has been unable to reach her. Chuck will try to contact her.
- IX. **Protocol for in-person services and circles** –
  - We will begin having in-person services at the Masonic Lodge starting June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - We will not require proof of vaccination / boosters for our attendees.
  - For June and July, masks will be required as we transition into meeting in person. We will need to have a supply of masks that can be provided for those who did not bring one. After July, we will reassess.
  - People in the same household may sit together, but others will be socially distant.
  - Hymns will not be sung, since singing is known to increase the risk of spreading Covid.
  - Joys and Sorrows will be done without a mike from the speaker's seat. Church announcements will be submitted in advance to the lay leader.

- The heating / cooling system can be put on the fan setting, and the doors will be opened.
- We will need volunteer greeters. In addition to providing copies of the order of service, they can supply people with masks.
- Joe will talk with the folks at the Unity church who do streaming to see how it works and what's required.
- Bob will send a summary of the in-person protocol we will follow to the Board members to get their final input, and it will then be published.

**X. Charitable Giving Committee Report** – Joe asked Mimi to send him the first quarter recipients of our CG donations along with their addresses, so that he can send them their checks. Mimi said that she would get that put together in the very near future.

**XI. Music** – Mimi said that there would be some special music scheduled for the fall.

**XII. Sharing Circles** – Dennis reported that there are still from 10-14 people attending regularly. They have not discussed meeting in person yet. Dennis will discuss it with Amy.

**XIII. Closing Words** – Be read from Time and the Art of Living by Robert Grudin.

**XIV. Next Meeting** – May 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm, either in person at the Aubrechts' house, or via Zoom if needed.