

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

- I. **Attendance** - present were Chuck Fawns, Emily Gillispie, Joe Mazza, Mimi Owensby, Dennis Scott and Be Scott.
- II. **Opening Words** – Chuck read a passage from Thich Nhat Hanh.
- III. **Minutes of the March Meeting** – Approved as written.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Approved as written.
- V. **Continuing Items**
 - a) **2022 Service and Circles Schedule** – Joe reported that the version he just sent out reflects that Gary and Jeanne have switched dates. Gary will now deliver a sermon on 7/3, and Jeanne on 8/7.
 - b) **June services** – The Board confirmed the prior published decision that the 6/26 service will be held via Zoom. The communication of that decision was sent out to the congregation as if it were from the UCOT Board, when in fact several of the Board members had not been consulted on it at all. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that in future circumstances requiring a Board decision in between monthly meetings, an emergency email, telephone, or Zoom meeting of the Board would be held.
 - c) **July services** – A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that we would return to in-person services at the Lodge, not just for the month of July but going forward. We will continue to wear masks at least for the month of July. The Board also approved a motion that services being held at the Lodge during the month of July would be held inside, as there are still technical challenges with sound, filming, Zoom, and music that would need to be overcome before we can have an outdoor service. The Circles group will play it by ear at the time of each in-person meeting, depending on the weather. The goal is to have both Zoom and in-person available for all services at the Lodge. Dennis and Smokey will be the greeters. Be will ask Rachel to coordinate getting all announcements to the lay leader, so that members of the congregation don’t need to remember who the lay leader is for announcements on any given Sunday.
- VI. **Search Committee** – Bob had reported that after several inquiries there were so far no other volunteers from among the congregation. Joe is on this committee representing the Board.
- VII. **Other items**
 - Chuck will contact Nancy Schultz again to ask when Dinners for Six will be resumed.
 - Per Gael’s email, Micah Roseberry is now scheduled for the 7/31 Fifth Sunday.
 - Requests were made to add a few new items to next month’s Board meeting agenda:
 - Do we want to continue with Fifth Sunday programs?
 - The Tempo has discontinued publishing church events. Be will contact the editor’s desk to ask if that can be resumed. Otherwise, do we want to occasionally pay for an ad in the paper when we are having a special event that we would like to invite the community to?

- Will there be a Stewardship / Finance Committee to organize a fall pledge drive? Do we know who the members of this committee are?
- It was suggested that a review of all committees be held so that new committees can be formed as needed, and old committees no longer of any use can be discontinued.
- The Board recognized Joe's efforts in preparing for the first in-person service at the Lodge. He had contacted Dave Cordova and received new keys, tried several times (unsuccessfully) to reach out to the locksmiths for assistance in getting into our cabinet, contacted Wally to ask him to help remove the key lock and replace it with a padlock, and did a practice run at the Lodge to ensure that the sound system still worked.
- In the event that a member of the congregation contracts Covid-19, the Board will ask if the identity of that person can be revealed and will abide by their wishes.

VIII. Music Committee Update – Mimi reported that Gael had said there will be a committee meeting in the fall.

IX. Small Groups Update – Chuck reported that the men's group continues to meet monthly, but that the women's group has been disbanded until further notice. There are no other small groups in existence at this time, except for the Hope Group.

X. Sharing Circles – Be reported that Amy Sletteland is moving in September. Amy will try to help find a replacement to coordinate the sharing circles.

XI. Care Committee – Chuck reported that Linda Aubrecht and Marianne Furedi will be coordinating a Care Committee, and have already contacted several members to ask if they would be willing to assist church members in need.

X. Closing Words – Be read from I Am the Word by Paul Selig.

XI. Next Meeting – July 19, 2022, at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Many thanks to Mimi for a job well done in presiding over today's Board meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that we will have our Board meetings via Zoom going forward.