

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2023
Meeting id is 709 932 0303 for this meeting

- I. **Attendance** – Present were Chuck Fawns, Emily Gillispie, Joe Mazza, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin and Be Scott.
- II. **Opening Words** – Joe read opening words from the Daily Om about letting go of control.
- III. **Minutes of the May Meeting** – Emily moved to accept the April minutes. Joe seconded and it passed unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Joe reported that plate donations continue higher than usual, about twice as much as last year. Annette moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Be seconded and it passed unanimously.
- V. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. **2023 Services and Circles Calendar** – Doug Inhofe will fill in for Gary on August 6. The calendar is now on google docs. Emily will post it on the news and upcoming events page of the website.
 - b. **Services** – Follow up from the New Member Ingathering: The Membership Committee needs to be sure to check the new member signature book before each ingathering to be sure everyone is included. The committee will also arrange for someone to take some photos of the ceremony.
 - c. **Circles** – The circles are going well. Be reported that there are always about 20 people attending. Emily will open and close when Be is away on July 23.
 - d. **The next Treasurer** – Bette Myerson cannot do it. Emily will ask Sara to check the new member surveys for anyone with an accounting background.
 - e. **Day and Time of Board Meetings** – Is it the best time for all of us? We will change the time to 1:30 starting in July.
 - f. **Facebook Page** – The Facebook page is not being maintained. Emily will ask Maya if she wants to do it.
 - g. **Caring Committee** – Linda is concerned that there are no members on the committee besides her and Emily. Emily has recruited six people. She is planning a Zoom meeting for them on Wednesday at 2:30 to discuss what everyone on the committee can do. We all need to share

the responsibility of telling Linda when there is a need. The ministers also want to know when congregants are in need.

- h. Building Committee Progress Report** – The Building Search Committee included Margot Coleman, Dave Vaughn, Chris Westover, and Erich Kuerschner. Two major issues of concern are the gas leak and the lack of upkeep of the courtyard and the parking lot. We should turn on the vent fan each time we enter the building (it's on the right side.) Our concern about the gas leak has been reported to Dave Cordova multiple times, but no action has been taken as far as we know. The committee overwhelmingly recommended we stay in the Masonic Lodge. It has the facilities we need, and it would be much more expensive elsewhere. Margot has a landscaper named Alfred who can mow the courtyard and parking lot twice a month for \$60/month. Be moved we hire him, Emily seconded, and it passed unanimously. Chuck will take over as contact with Dave Cordova from the Masons and inform him we're hiring someone to mow. A third concern is that the contract states they can terminate with 30 days notice. We should consider rewording the notice to 90 days when this contract expires. It may be best for Chuck to stop by the Kit Carson Museum to see Dave as he doesn't respond to email. Pending approval from the Masons, we'll go forward with hiring Alfred.
- i. Calendar on Google Docs** – The link is https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MG2PKUu1JnThN-vJl_yhcst4ejX4yB2ZtfvLIOYy6i4/edit
- j. Lunch meetings with the ministers for evaluations** – Emily moved to reinstate semiannual lunch meetings with the ministers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- k. Coverage when Rachel is away** – Rachel will be out of town on July 2. Be, Joe and Emily will cover. Be will pick up the OOS. David Owensby will need to record the service that day.
- l. Emily and Joe's trip** – Emily and Joe will be in Colorado from July 3 – July 6. They will be reachable by phone or email.
- m. Message on the UCOT voicemail** - Joanne Foreman requested rides to services and circles. She lives off 64 near Upper Las Colonias. Emily will bring the request to the Caring Committee.
- n. Worship Team** – If there were a worship team many of the services would go more smoothly. A Worship Team could also organize the Lay

Leaders. Suggestions for a chairperson were the Vaughns or Joann Stringer.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Charitable Giving – nothing to report.
- b. Music – The committee is contemplating hiring Michael Mandrel to play on August 6. Emily will find out Doug's sermon topic. Ten minutes will be allotted for the music. Doug needs to be asked if he wants it to be all at once or split in two. Emily will inform both Gael and Doug.
- c. Membership - On June 8 we planned the New Member Ingathering and the sack lunches for the Men's Shelter. We learned a lot from doing both these events for the first time and will be more organized next time. The congregation really came through with enough food in the end. If we do it again, we'll only make 25 bags as the shelter has no space to store more than that. Many thanks to Mimi for dealing with delivering all the bags over several days 25 at a time. Mimi reported that the men were most appreciative.

VII. Closing Words – Be read closing words.

VIII. Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The next meeting will be on July 15 at **1:30 pm** via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Rubin
Secretary