

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023, at 1:30 pm via Zoom
Meeting id 979 0569 7987

- I. **Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm. Present were Chuck Fawns, Emily Gillispie, Joe Mazza, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin and Be Scott.
- II. **Opening Words:** Chuck read opening words from a 1730 anonymous English manuscript.
- III. **Minutes of the July Meeting:** Mimi moved to approve the July minutes. Emily seconded and it passed unanimously.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** We are continuing to be below budget in our expenses. Annette moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Be seconded and it passed unanimously.
- V. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. 2023 Services and Circles Calendar (All): We decided to leave previous months showing on the website calendar so people can see all that has taken place.
 - b. Services (All): Chuck would like to do a presentation on Ric Masten if there's an open Sunday.
 - c. Circles (Be): There have been issues with the microphone and feedback causing problems with hearing aids. We decided to try several months without the mike to see if we can raise our awareness of each other as we are speaking.
 - d. Our next Treasurer (All): No one has agreed to be the next treasurer. Be volunteered to become Vice President so Mimi can be the Treasurer. Be will help her with the pledge drive. Joe will train them when the pledge drive begins.
 - e. Handicapped Parking: We discussed writing "Handicapped Parking" on orange cones and putting them out weekly.
 - f. Gary's Evaluation: Gary's evaluation will be at a luncheon at Guadalajara Grill South on 9/3. We'll change "weaknesses" to "challenges."
 - g. Munro's Evaluation: Munro's evaluation will be at a luncheon at Guadalajara Grill South on 9/17. We decided to add suggestions for each challenge; Emily will send everyone the changes.
 - h. Judith Jenya at the 9/24 Open Topic circle: Be will send Annette publicity material for Judith's talk, and Annette will send an announcement to the B'nai Shalom email list. Annette will also send it to Beth Levine to see if she'll include it in the TJC newsletter.
 - i. Sound System: Do we want to pay someone to be the sound technician? Joe volunteered to meet with David to solve the problem with the old lapel mike. Annette moved to pay someone to be the sound technician. Joe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mimi will ask David to continue doing this with compensation. She will also ask him what he feels would be fair compensation starting in September.
 - j. Signing the Call for Sanity: It is a public record of statements by organizations such as churches about the Hiroshima/Nagasaki anniversary. Emily moved we not only sign the document but make a written statement about our support. Be seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Be will draft a statement.
 - k. Lee Stringer: Chuck will call Lee to convey our concern that he hasn't been attending.
 - l. Lay leader coordinator needed: Joe will not be continuing this job once he steps down from the Board in January. Chuck will talk to Mya to see if she will do it. An annual script update and training would be a good practice.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Charitable Giving (Mimi): Nothing to report.
- b. Music (Mimi): Nothing to report.
- c. Membership (Annette): Annette will be coordinating the Men's Shelter Sack Lunch project. It will take place every other month after a Sunday worship service. A member of the Membership Committee will take a photo of the visitors' sign-in sheet so we can add visitors' names to our spreadsheet and send them a welcoming email.
- d. Fifth Sunday Programs (Emily reporting for Gael): Two speakers have been arranged for the Querencia topic in October. They are Dabi Garcia and Patricia Quintana. Dabi is also a musician / guitar player and will sing a couple of songs during the presentation. Julian Spalding and Irene Burton will emcee and handle publicity.
- e. Caring Community (Emily): Emily is very concerned about Jay Bunker. Jim Schultz may need assistance with travel to and from Albuquerque for his flights to Phoenix for medical care.

VII. Closing Words: Be read closing words by Jim Wickman.

VIII. Next Meeting: September 16, 2023, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted

By Annette Rubin, Secretary