

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2023, at 1:30 pm via Zoom
Meeting id 979 0569 7987

The meeting was called to order by President Emily Gillispie at 1:35 pm. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Joe Mazza, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin and Be Scott.

- I. **Opening Words:** Joe read a passage from First Corinthians about how communities can work together.
- II. **Minutes of the September Meeting:** Emily moved to accept the minutes with the addendum as edited. Joe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Be moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mimi seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. Services and Calendar (All)
 - i. Gary and Dori will be in Portugal 10/12 – 11/1.
 - ii. Munro is having a procedure done 10/13 and can't do his 10/15 service. Jeanne will cover.
 - iii. There will be a memorial service for Jay Bunker on Thursday 10/19 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Chuck checked with Dave Cordova to confirm availability and Dave said we should pay half the usual fee. We discussed paying for the minister since neither of our regular ministers are available.
 - iv. New Member Ceremony: After discussion, Annette moved to skip a new member ingathering on 11/19. It makes more sense to wait until June so there will be a larger group. Emily seconded. The vote was unanimous.
 - v. Fall Harvest luncheon: We will do a soup lunch after the November 19th service. Sara and Annette will organize it and UCOT may provide decorations.
 - vi. Christmas Eve service: Martha Grossman is hosting the December circles. Be will call her to see how she'd like to handle the December 24th circle.
 - vii. Circles (Be): Be asked Mimi if she would help with organizing the circles when she (Be) becomes Treasurer.
 - b. Pledge drive updates (All)
 - i. Everyone should have received their pledge packets by now. Everyone on the committee can start calling their list of people.
 - c. Gary's request for an increase of his pastoral care stipend: After discussion, Annette moved to double Gary's pastoral care stipend and leave Munro's the same. Emily seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Emily will schedule a zoom meeting of the caring community committee and include Munro when Patsy takes over as chairperson. Hopefully, this will encourage him to participate in more of the pastoral care. Emily will also call him to discuss his monthly report and his pastoral care.
 - d. Church software: Annette moved to purchase the software program Sara recommended. Joe seconded. The purchase will take place whenever Sara is available to coordinate the startup. The vote was unanimous.
 - e. Chuck will follow up with Bette on his request for someone to take over the UU World magazine subscriptions for members.

- f. Joe will talk to Neal at Sound Science to see if he knows anyone who would like to become our sound technician and to price more modern, lightweight speakers.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Charitable Giving (Mimi): The committee approved the \$3,000 budget for 2024.
- b. Music (Mimi): Nothing to report.
- c. Membership (Annette): Annette will talk with Sara about bringing the membership book back to the church. It should never be taken home by anyone.
- d. Caring Community (Emily): Emily will send out an update on how folks are doing.

VI. Closing Words: Emily read "Changes Abound," by Rev. Dr. Michelle Collins.

VII. Next Meeting: November 18, 2023, at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Emily verified that this was a good date and time for everyone.

Addendum, October 12, 2023

We voted via email to make the November 19 Fall Harvest soup lunch a fundraiser for Heart of Taos / Dreamtree. Annette, Be, and Emily voted YES. Joe abstained, and Mimi was on the road and couldn't be reached.

Respectfully submitted,
By Annette Rubin, Secretary