

## UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting id 709 932 0303

Emily called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin, and Be Scott.

- I. **Opening Words:** Emily read opening words about working together on the board to serve the congregation.
- II. **Minutes of the January Meeting:** Emily moved to accept the January minutes. Be seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Be will update Rachel's expense line item in the Treasurer's Report to Production Manager. Annette moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Emily seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
  - a. Services and Calendar (All)
    - i. Final Ministerial Search Committee report: The search committee recommended that we hire Diana Davies. Annette moved to accept the committee's recommendation. Be seconded and the vote was unanimous.
    - ii. This I Believe – March 17. Julian Spalding, Gael Minton, and Be have signed up to speak. Emily volunteered to be a fourth person if needed. She would read something that resonates with her from the ThisIBelieve.org website.
    - iii. Details of the luncheon on 4/21: We discussed several options for catering the luncheon for 40 to 50 people after Diana's guest sermon. Mimi will call Koko's with some questions and Be will check Albertson's online menu.
    - iv. Diana
      1. We'll collect the votes after 4/21 via email. From the CHMeetings platform, we'll select members who have been with us 30 days or more and will email those people requesting a YES or NO vote on Diana. The email will be sent around May 1. Sara is working on entering joining dates in CHmeetings. Annette moved to send an email to visitors inviting them to join so they can participate in the vote. Chuck seconded and the vote was unanimous.
    - v. Munro
      1. Since he's no longer under contract, we'll need to re-hire him (or not). This will require a YES vote from 2/3 of the membership, per our by-laws. A separate email will be sent to members asking for a vote on hiring Munro. The board will decide when to send that email.
  - b. Circles: Julian will lead the August circles. His topic will be Death. Mimi's first circle went well.
  - c. Other issues
    - i. Continuing our UUA Zoom account: Be moved to continue using the UUA Zoom account. Emily seconded and the vote was unanimous.
    - ii. A UCOT game night was suggested after the Sharing Circle on Play. Bob Van Deist volunteered to coordinate. When a date is decided upon, Chuck will confirm with Dave Cordova that the Lodge is available on that date. Emily moved that we plan one game

night at the Lodge. Annette seconded and the vote was unanimous. We will evaluate after the event to decide whether to plan them regularly.

- iii. Chuck shared Jo Gall's comments about the board. She thinks the board is too small and some younger members are needed, although she was not willing to volunteer to be a Board member herself. Emily pointed out that our by-laws limit the Board size to a maximum of six. Since we are currently at five, we could only bring on one more person. She also noted that she'd found that in business, the length of a meeting was directly proportional to the number of attendees – i.e., a smaller Board is more efficient and keeps our meetings shorter than a large Board would. It was also noted that Board members were elected by the congregation at the annual meeting every January. Jo's UU congregation in Littleton, CO offered training to encourage people to join the board. She was out of town this week and couldn't attend. If Jo contacts Chuck again, he will again invite her to attend a board meeting.
- iv. Chuck has been working with Diane Frost to document and organize UCOT history. The UCOT records box needs to be transferred to Annette as Secretary.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Charitable Giving: The committee is making a new list of charities to support. They are considering having committee members make two-minute reports about the charities as announcements at services. The LFP team has been putting bread, peanut butter, and jelly in the LFP box so people from the homeless shelter can make themselves sandwiches.
- b. Music: Nothing to report
- c. Membership: Membership committee issues were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- d. Caring Community
  - i. Michael: Michael appreciates the meals and all the caring he has received.
  - ii. Ty: Patsy is aware that Ty is in the hospital. Before the minutes were approved, Ty was released from the hospital to convalesce at home.

**VI. Closing Words:** Be read closing words from the Manual for Living by Epictetus.

**VII. Next Meeting:** March 16, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Rubin