

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

Meeting id 709 932 0303

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

- I. **Opening Words:** Chuck read opening words from A Chosen Faith by John Buehrens, a blessing for those who learn, grow, and serve together.
- II. **Minutes of the February Meeting:** Chuck moved to accept the February minutes. Be seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** 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. This I Believe – March 17 (Be): Everything is set. Emily will post the talks on the website on the past sermons page.
 - ii. Details of luncheon on 4/21: Be invited a group of women to organize the luncheon. They enthusiastically took on the task. They suggested doing a potluck rather than catering to allow the community to participate in welcoming Diana. The board voted unanimously to do a regular potluck, not a fundraiser.
 - b. Circles (Mimi): We'll use the microphone going forward.
 - c. UCOT Game Night: We have not heard from Bob Van Diest, who volunteered to chair the committee. Annette will call him to see how the plans are progressing. He said he's researching other venues rather than the Lodge.
 - d. What else? Chuck is continuing to sort through UCOT historical documents, and they are being stored in Secretary Annette's garage.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Charitable Giving (Mimi): The committee is in the process of reporting on the non-profits we support. They will start doing two-minute reports about them at the Sunday worship on April 7.
 - b. Music (Mimi): The music committee hasn't met.
 - c. Membership: Annette reported that Rachel hasn't been able to integrate the MailChimp list with ChMeetings. We were hoping this would generate an accurate list of visitors to send the invitation to join letter. After consultation with Emily, we decided to send the letter to the 52 names Sara had. We also included it in the weekly email, sent on Saturday rather than Sunday. We currently have 60 members.
 - d. Caring Community (Emily, from Patsy)
 - i. Michael: Michael has recovered well from his hip replacement.
 - ii. Ty: Help was offered to Gael, but she said they were doing well and didn't need assistance.
 - iii. Jim and Nancy: Jim will be going to Phoenix on March 22 for surgery. He has arranged for Nancy to stay at The Enchanted Village while he is gone. Patsy is arranging for people to visit her.

- VI. **Closing Words:** Annette read this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson: “It is one of those beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves.”

- VII. **Next Meeting:** April 20, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Rubin, Secretary

March 18, 2024 Addendum: Another new member signed the book on Sunday, so we now have 61 members.