

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 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, and Be Scott.

- I. **Opening Words:** Be read opening words by Rumi.
- II. **Minutes of the April Meeting:** Emily moved to accept the April 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
 - i. Report on the ChMeetings platform (Emily): We are gradually transitioning information to ChMeetings. The Board is reviewing the spreadsheet of our email list. When the review is complete, the MailChimp list will be edited prior to loading the remaining entries. Eventually, we will be able to send emails through ChMeetings and then we can cancel MailChimp. The Membership Committee will contact people we haven't seen or heard from to see if they wish to remain on our email list. The Board wants us to continue sending people emails unless they ask us to unsubscribe.
 - ii. TrueKids1 will be 6/30; Joe's presentation on hospice will be 9/29.
 - iii. The Membership Committee wants to do a new member ingathering ceremony on July 21. Annette moved to approve this date. Chuck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Circles: Adela and Meredee traded dates to facilitate the circles. Meredee will do September and Adela will do October. Adela's topic will be "Your Inner Child." Be changed her December topic to "Listening."
 - c. UCOT Game Night: Mary Shaffer is organizing Game Night.
 - d. Worship committee formation: Chuck will meet with Mya Coursey, Martha Grossman, and Mimi tomorrow to discuss the Worship Committee. Once the committee is organized, they will invite Diana Davies to join them.
 - e. Hearing assistance during services: Chuck will explore the possibilities and Emily will consult with Joe. Emily suggested that those who are very hard of hearing bring either their smartphone or laptop and plug in via earbuds or headphones to the live stream.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Charitable Giving: The Sunday reports about the charities we support have been well received.
 - b. Music: The Music Committee has not met. Mimi will check with Gael to see if the music committee can meet anytime in the near future.
 - c. Membership: The Membership Committee met, and Annette now has administrative access and can enter information into ChMeetings. The Membership Committee will do all the preparatory work for the new member ingathering ceremony on July 21 and inform Doug Inhofe that it will take place that day. Annette will check on the status of the visitors' brochure. Sara recently consulted with a UU minister whose congregation had an unfortunate experience with a visitor. That congregation decided to have all visitors sign in. She asked if we wanted to institute a similar

policy. The Board decided to maintain our current policy of inviting visitors to sign our Visitor's List if they wish to receive our emails.

- d. Caring Community: Chuck is monitoring Jim and Nancy's needs. Diana wants to do pastoral care, so there needs to be communication between her and the Caring Community.

VI. Closing Words: Annette read "Weavers of One Story," by Leah Ongiri.

VII. Next Meeting: June 22, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom