

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom
Meeting id 709 932 0303

President Emily Gillispie called the meeting to order at 1:29 pm. Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin, and Be Scott were also present. We decided to have the same person provide the opening and closing words from now on.

- I. **Opening Words:** Emily read opening words about forgiveness from the UUA website.
- II. **Minutes of the July Meeting:** Be moved to accept the July Minutes. Mimi seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Emily moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Annette seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. Services and Calendar (All)
 - i. Membership Committee
 1. Annette will chair the Membership Committee.
 2. On Saturday, 9/21, Diana will lead a UU 101 seminar. Annette will announce that UU 101 will be on September 21 from 10:00 to 1:00 followed by lunch at a restaurant. She will also rewrite a shorter form of the newsletter announcement for Rachel's emails.
 - ii. Sound quality
 1. The sound quality was vastly improved using Omar's equipment on 8/18. Congregants who have difficulty hearing commented that the headsets made it much easier to hear. Speaker placement in front and changing the room setup doesn't seem necessary.
 2. New sound equipment, costing \$567 has been ordered. (See the addendum for details.) Chuck requested that the entire service be available to view on the website. Emily made a motion to that effect. Be seconded and the vote was unanimous. Emily will email Rachel to let her know.
 3. Addendum: Emily emailed Rachel on Saturday, 8/24.
 - iii. The next round of Dinners for Six was canceled due to a lack of response. Marsha Fawns is presenting an alternative suggestion to Nancy Schultz, and the Board will discuss it next month.
 - b. Circles (Mimi)- We discussed the timeline for recruiting circle leaders and training for 2025.
 - c. Rachel is out of town on 9/1 and 9/29. Emily will be in Dallas 9/20-9/29 and her laptop will be with her. She will be available by email and phone during that time. She can livestream on 9/1 but not on 9/29. Emily specified the necessary software to livestream. Chuck will ask the men's group if anyone would be willing to train to do the livestream. If no one can, then Be will do it. We all appreciate Rachel's technology skills.
 - d. Our contract with the Masons expires on 12/31/2024. Chuck will discuss renewing the contract with the Masons.
 - e. Other issues:
 1. The group on Aging is going well. Due to the personal nature of the content, the group has decided not to include any new members.
 2. Emily will not continue as President when her term expires in January 2025. Chuck will talk to Mya about chairing a presidential search committee as she did in the past.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Charitable Giving: The reports about the nonprofits will continue until November 17. Checks have been mailed for the third quarter.
- b. Music: Nothing to report
- c. Membership: Sara is doing a training on Monday, August 26, at 2:30 for all our group leaders. She will show us how to send invitations and receive responses within ChMeetings.
- d. Caring Community: Chuck reassured Emily that Patsy will contact her if there is a need.

VI. Closing Words: Emily read closing words from the UUA website about the religion we talk about versus the religion we live.

VII. Next Meeting: September 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Rubin, Secretary

Addendum

Product	QTY	Price	Total
Radial ProDI 1-channel Passive Instrument Direct Box ✓ Free Sweetwater Support ✓ Free 2-Year Warranty	2	\$129.99	\$259.98
Roland RCC-3-2R28 Dual 1/4-inch TS Male to RCA Male Interconnect Cable - 3 foot ✓ Free Sweetwater Support ✓ Free 2-Year Warranty	1	\$23.99	\$23.99
Pro Co EXM-5 Excellines XLR Female to XLR Male Patch Cable - 5 foot ✓ Free Sweetwater Support ✓ Free 2-Year Warranty	2	\$26.99	\$53.98
Hosa SKJ-675 Speaker Cable - 1/4 inch TS to 1/4 inch TS - 75 foot ✓ Free Sweetwater Support ✓ Free 2-Year Warranty	2	\$89.95	\$179.90
Subtotal:			\$517.85
Shipping & Handling:			\$14.67
FREE SHIPPING:			-\$14.67
Total Before Tax:			\$517.85

Estimated Tax: **\$48.81**

Order Total: **\$566.66**
