

## UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting id 709 932 0303

President Emily Gillispie called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby, Annette Rubin, Be Scott, and UCOT member Don Zablosky.

- I. **Opening Words:** Chuck read opening words from about containing our fear and claiming joy.
- II. **Minutes of the October Meeting:** Emily moved to approve the October minutes. Be seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Annette moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chuck seconded, and the vote was unanimous.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
  - a. **Services, Circles, and Calendar (All)**
    - i. There are four Fifth Sundays in 2025. The dates are 3/30, 6/29, 8/31, and 11/30. Emily moved to do programs in March, June, and August, leaving November 30 open. Annette seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
    - ii. Timing of Sally's film. It was suggested to schedule Sally's film for June 15 when Sally is the lay leader (per her suggestion). Emily will email Diana to ask her opinion.
    - iii. Circle facilitator update (Mimi): There are 12 circle facilitators. The training will be in January.
    - iv. Emily and Joe will be in Puerto Vallarta 11/24 – 12/3. Jim Reilly will do the sound on December 1. Emily will ask Joe to contact True Kids 1 to seek a regular sound person. Be will create a flyer for Cid's bulletin board. An ad in the Taos News is another alternative.
  - b. **Pledge drive update (Be):** The pledge drive is going well. About two-thirds of pledges have been received.
  - c. **Suggest we move the congregational feedback effort to earlier in the year when we don't have the pledge drive and annual meeting preparation going on:** Be moved to change the congregational feedback to September. Emily seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.
  - d. **Annual meeting preparation**
    - i. Proposed agenda (compare to last year's). The agenda looks good.
    - ii. Introduction (compare to last year's). Emily will add the list of 14 committees/groups.
    - iii. Board members (compare to last year's). Chuck will be a president emeritus, and Don a voting board member.
  - e. **NEST and the sack lunch program:** The Little Free Pantry provides lunch food, so the Sack Lunch Program is no longer necessary. An announcement will be made that food donations are needed for the LFP, and Sign-Up Genius will be used. Emily will talk to Mary Gray and train her on SUG. Emily moved to discontinue the Sack Lunch Program. Annette seconded, and the vote was unanimous. We thanked Annette for all her hard work on the program.
  - f. **Carryover from last meeting: now that we know the benefits of joining the national UUA (Diana's email), do we want to join the national UUA?** This item will be on the agenda at a later date.
  - g. **Taos News lack of publicity for our events – Gael's email – update:** Gael is contacting Lynne Robinson to discuss this. The Tempo Bulletin Board costs \$7.50 for 25 words plus 10 cents for

each additional word. There would be a new budget category for Advertising. KTAO offers free public service announcements, as do other radio stations. Don and Chuck will discuss using radio for additional publicity after the meeting. Be will write the blurb for the newspaper Bulletin Board. Emily moved to use the Bulletin Board to publicize our Sunday services and the Fifth Sundays for 3 months. Annette seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

h. **Masons update:**

- i. Contract renewal: Chuck will ask Dave Cordova to complete the new contract.
- ii. Mouse removal is still a challenge.

i. **What else? Announcements:** Be moved that announcements be submitted in writing to the lay leader by 10:45 on service Sundays. Be will ask Rachel to add this new procedure to the emails. The lay leader will read all the announcements. Annette seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. **Threshold Choir:** Be moved to pay the choir \$150 for the Day of the Dead. Emily seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and one abstention. **Charitable Giving:** Mimi informed the Board that they will not be sending a donation to Heart of Taos this year. We discussed adding the \$200 to the Holy Cross Hospital debt relief program.

V. **Closing Words:** Chuck read closing words.

VI. **Next Meeting:** December 14, 2024, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Annette Rubin, Secretary