

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 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, Be Scott, and Don Zablosky.

I. Opening Words: Be read opening words taken from the back of the hymnal.

II. Minutes of the November 2024 Meeting: Emily moved to approve the November minutes. Chuck seconded and the vote was unanimous.

III. Treasurer's Report: Emily moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Be seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

IV. Items for Discussion

a. Services, Circles, and Calendar (All)

- i. UCOT's 20th anniversary celebration will be 06/15/25 and will include Sally Savage's film.
- ii. Bob Aubrecht showed interest in a discussion of the book How to Retire. Emily will invite him to organize a group for this purpose.
- iii. The Rubins' check will be returned to them. Chuck will draft a letter to them explaining why we are returning it.
- iv. There will be no Animal Blessing in 2025 due to earlier low attendance.
- v. Mimi has identified 2025 circle facilitators and backups for all twelve months. Facilitator training will be January 12, 2025.
- vi. Doug Inhofe may be able to preach at one of the July 2025 services. He will let us know which date works best for him.

b. Pledge drive update

Be reported that nine people have not responded to the pledge requests. They will receive email reminders to pledge. Be will stress how pledges define the budget and how cash donations are not considered part of the pledge amounts.

c. Annual meeting preparation

- i. All approved Emily's documents
- ii. Be's documents will be considered at the January 18, 2025, meeting since her financial reports cannot be finalized until then.
- iii. Mimi's document will be updated by Emily to remove Heart of Taos and add \$200 to SHINE and will be sent for email approval.

d. Masons update

- i. Chuck received the signed Masons' contract and will bring a copy to Emily.
- ii. No date has been set for the lock change but the Masons will notify us and provide keys.

e. Sound person.

i. The search continues for someone to take over the sound system responsibilities. Alex Levy will be contacted.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Charitable Giving: Mimi will host a Christmas luncheon with her committee members.
- b. Music: Nothing to report.
- c. Caring community: Chuck reported that Patsy is ill but that Marsha and Margot are organizing efforts to provide food for Sally.

VI. Closing Words: Be read closing words.

VII. Next Meeting: January 18, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Don Zablosky