

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom
Meeting id 709 932 0303

President Emily Gillispie called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby, Be Scott, and Don Zablosky.

I. Opening Words Emily presented a reading from UUA.Org.

II. Minutes of the December Meeting. Emily moved to approve the December 2024 minutes. Chuck seconded, all approved.

III. Treasurer's Report. Be provided detailed budget information and categories were clarified. The possibility of a separate category for advertising will be discussed after the impact of the current Bulletin Board trial period is known. If results are positive, the board will consider using surplus funds for additional Bulletin Board investment. All approved.

IV. Items for Discussion

a. Services, Circles, and Calendar (All)

i. Doug will preach the first Sunday in July while Diana is in NZ.

ii. A "This I Believe" program will be planned again. There was positive feedback following the previous presentation. Notice of the future program will be put in the Taos News. All approved.

iii. Diana will do an animal-themed service in lieu of an Animal Blessing service.

iv. Circle facilitator update. Mimi reported facilitator orientation was held last week, covering sending blurbs to Rachel on specific dates, speaker issues, and the script.

b. Pledge drive update.

Be followed up with those who had not responded to pledge requests, which resulted in all but 1 or 2 remaining members providing paid pledges.

c. Annual meeting preparation.

i. Joe will run the livestream from Emily's laptop as well as the sound system.

ii. Chuck will display the documents on the projector. Emily will send him the documents in Power Point format.

iii. The vote on Be's documents will occur via email.

iv. Joe will set up the tables and chairs prior to the annual meeting.

d. **What else?**

Don presented a brief outline of community outreach factors discussed with Chuck on 1/15/25. Action on these may be considered at a later meeting.

V. **Committee Reports**

a. **Charitable Giving**

Zoom vs in-person meetings were discussed. They will remain as Zoom meetings due to some members having mobility limitations. Mimi hosted a luncheon at her home for the committee volunteers on Dec. 18.

b. **Music.**

The Music Committee met at Gael Minton's house and all were present. Topics were discussed and decisions made on the following items:

- Hymn practice on Service Sundays - will be discontinued starting on Jan. 24.
- Special music - discontinued, but perhaps a 5th Sunday Music Program.
- Diana will be invited to attend the next meeting so she can explain to us what the Beta Testing of virtual UU hymn singing is all about.

c. **Caring Community**

Chuck reported that Margot Coleman, Marsha Fawns, and Patsy Scott have been organizing meals and support for people in the congregation, like meals for Sally Savage during the holidays. The threesome maintain a list of volunteers to help with meals, etc. Patsy and Dennis Scott have been sick for a month with a virus, but seem OK now.

VI. **Closing Words** Emily provided a reading from UUA.Org.

VI. **Next Meeting:** Currently set for February 15, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom