

**UCOT Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 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, Be Scott, and Don Zablosky.

- I. **Opening Words:** Don read a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- II. **Minutes of the February 15th and March 8th meetings:** Emily moved to approve. This was seconded, and all approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Be provided an updated report.
  - a. The cost of the UUA assessment was corrected from \$2,550 to \$2,322.
  - b. The annual \$1,000 board-approved discretionary funds for member needs was moved from the monthly budget category and will be listed separately.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
  - a. **The property at 1000B St. Francis Lane**
    - i. Financial factors were discussed, known and unknown. Current surplus funds are invested and would not be available until their maturity dates, but even if all funds were available tomorrow, they would not cover a \$100,000 down payment. Options such as a fund drive were considered. Financial obligations for the lodge rental would continue while the building was finished out. Most of the costs associated with finishing the building for use are unknown and cannot be calculated at this time.
    - ii. Information regarding the building's potential and financial factors will be shared with the congregation. Members will be asked for feedback and questions as a follow-up to the annual meeting discussion regarding what property ownership involves. Emily will draft an email survey for the Board members to review and approve.
  - b. **Update on joining the UUA**

Emily is communicating with the Pacific Western Regional Lead, Rev. Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe. The charter members have been updated to the required 30, but still outstanding are recommendations from our minister, the PWR regional lead, and the PWR president. We also need our covenant

agreement and how it is referenced during worship services. Emily will provide the board with ongoing updates on the process.

**c. Keys to the Lodge**

Chuck spoke with Dave Cordova regarding Dave's expectations of key management. There will be only two sets of keys and one alternate, and Dave has been given the names of the current keyholders. Dave will change the locks soon and provide us with new keys.

**d. What else?**

- i. Gael and Julian spoke with *The Taos News* regarding *Tempo* listings. Our Fifth Sunday programming information will be posted in the Community Announcements category. Activities on the other Sundays will be posted under Spiritual Listings in Annuncios.
- ii. Joe will contact True Kids regarding a backup sound person.
- iii. Don will follow up with the cost of replacing the lost church banner to use at events.

**V. Committee Reports**

**a. Charitable Giving**

Margot will cover for Mimi beginning in April. They will be reviewing the current charities and researching them to ensure that the charities are still well-managed.

**b. Caring Community**

Chuck reports there are no issues. There are three group members monitoring individuals' needs and requests.

**c. Membership Committee**

Be has joined the Membership Committee and will be providing reports monthly at Board meetings going forward.

**VI. Closing Words:** Don read a quote from Elie Wiesel.

**VII. Next Meeting:** April 19, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom.