

**UCOT Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 29, 2025, via Zoom**  
**Meeting id 709 932 0303**

President Emily Gillispie called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Be Scott, Mimi Owensby, and Don Zablosky.

**I. Items for Discussion**

**a. New storage areas**

UCOT can now use expanded areas for storage at the lodge, as clarified by Dave to Chuck. The additional \$25 weekly cost begins May 1, 2025, not to exceed \$100/month.

**b. Board member replacements**

- i. Upcoming board vacancies were discussed, along with various methods to present these changes to the congregation to encourage involvement. Initially, members with known skills and interests will be invited to consider joining. Emily will design a message to describe the needs. This message will be the basis for a series of emails, newsletters, and announcements describing the open positions. Emily moved that these steps be used to fill the positions. Be seconded, all approved.
- ii. Joe's replacement as the sound person has not been found. Emily made two attempts at contact with True Kids 1 without any interest.

**c. Voting results regarding the property at 1000B St. Francis Lane**

- i. All but two votes declined interest in following up with the purchase. Some feedback suggested a need for clarity in what the property interest and vote means for the church. Additional information will need to be presented to emphasize the democratic decision-making approach, the vote was a follow up to the January annual meeting discussion, and the acknowledgment that world events have changed drastically since the annual meeting.

**d. Methods of framing and considering broad needs to gain synergy**

- i. Individual topics can be connected to gain momentum. Identifying overall goals and overlapping objectives can make the most effective use of limited resources. Identified categories are funding, volunteering, and overall membership growth, particularly in a wider age range.

ii. Various ways to present the purpose of the church other than strictly a religious group were discussed, such as sense of community, belonging, and opportunities to act out values.

**Next Meeting:** May 17, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom.