

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2025, via Zoom

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

- I. **Opening Words:** Be read a Robert Lawrence Smith excerpt from *A Quaker Book of Wisdom*, quoted in *Sources of our Faith*.
- II. **Minutes of the April Meeting:** Emily moved to accept the April minutes, Chuck seconded, all approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Be answered questions related to budget vs. actual differences due to pledges coming in early. Emily moved to accept the May Treasurer's Report, Chuck seconded, all approved.
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. Mya Coursey has agreed to join as a Board member through 2025. Emily moved that Mya be added to the Board, Chuck seconded, all approved. Mimi's health issues continue, restricting her involvement. Emily and Joe have begun the moving process to Colorado, and they have little time remaining for involvement. Be spoke to Diza Sauers and Brigid Meier about Board membership. Both are interested but are not able to commit at this time.
 - b. The UUA membership application has been submitted. Amy Kent said the application consideration may be delayed until August. Be will take over Emily's role in the process.
 - c. The Board previously voted not to have a November 30 Fifth Sunday due to possibly low attendance during Thanksgiving weekend. Gael and Julian have asked to keep this Fifth Sunday scheduled. Emily motioned to reverse the vote and schedule this date. Be seconded and all approved. Rachel will be contacted regarding the change. Don will be backup for setting up. Programming details were outlined. As previously agreed, lay leader remarks will include a brief mention of who we are as UUs and that there's an offering basket on the big table for donations. Mya will follow up with Gael on this structure.
 - d. Brian Lewis will be trained by Joe on May 18, 2025, on the sound tech role and will be considered as Joe's replacement. The Board will vote on hiring him on a contract basis if he seems to be a good match.

- e. Emily and Joe will provide Chuck with possible dates for a church luncheon honoring their work with UCOT.
- f. Emily will email all her administrative files to Board members before she moves, return Chuck's books, and give him the original hard copies of UCOT documents.

V. Committee Reports

- a. **Charitable Giving.** Margot will take over Mimi's role as committee chair.
- b. **Caring Community.** Chuck reported that Margot and Marsha continue to respond to members' needs, along with some help from Patsy. Mimi's health issues continue, and David has a broken shoulder. David Vaughn died two weeks ago. Meredee is selling their Taos home and moving back to Denver. Linda Aubrecht is adapting to her move to assisted living. Jim and Nancy Schultz will move to Denver, related to Jim's cancer and Nancy's ongoing health issues.
- c. **Membership Committee.** No new members.

VI. Closing Words. Be read from Glimpse After Glimpse by Sogyal Rinpoche.

VII. Next Meeting: June 14, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom.