

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2025, at 2:30 pm via Zoom

President Emily Gillispie called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Also present were Mya Coursey, Margot Coleman, Be Scott, Julian Spalding, Chuck Fawns, Mimi Owensby, and Don Zablosky.

I. Opening Words: Emily read an entry from UUA.Org regarding church leadership.

II. Minutes of the May Meeting: There is an update on Jim and Nancy Schultz since the May meeting. They will not be moving to CO following Jim's surgery but are staying with children in CO for the time being. Chuck moved to accept the May meetings with these changes, Emily seconded, all approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Be described how we are currently under budget at this time. Changes in membership numbers will impact the accuracy of projections throughout the year. Emily moved that the budget be accepted, Chuck seconded, all approved.

IV. Items for Discussion

- a. Margot will join the board as member-at-large. This will change to vice president in July. She will also take over Mimi's role as chair of the Charitable Giving Committee. Emily moved that the nomination be accepted, Mya seconded, all approved.
- b. Julian offered to take the role of president following Emily's departure. He felt he could do this if the role was divided between two people. Multiple options were discussed on how responsibilities and tasks could be divided and delegated to make this possible. Details will continue to be discussed related to strength-based assignments, division of labor, and methods to ensure accountability of responsibilities. Needs and updates related to board membership transitions can be presented to the congregation through emails, small-group discussions, and soliciting ideas from members.
- c. Assignments of board president's duties.
 1. Julian will take on the role of interim board president, with assurances of help from the other board members. Emily moved to accept this, Chuck seconded, all approved.
 2. Ownership of ChMeetings. Be and Diza will share this. Emily moved to accept this, Mya seconded, all approved.

3. Ownership of Zoom. Be will take this over until the details of co-presidents are determined.

4. Signatory on the bank account at Centinel Bank. Be will remain and Margot will be added. Emily and Mimi will be removed. Emily moved that this be accepted, Mya seconded, all approved.

5. Signatory on the account with Edward Jones. Chuck and Be will remain. Margot will be added. Emily moved to accept this, Mya seconded, all approved.

6. Setting up and running the next board meeting. Julian and Be will work together to schedule the July meeting.

7. Congregational meeting to discuss the need for a board president. A series of information-sharing methods will be provided to let the congregation know how the process is going.

d. Masons update. No issues related to space use. Chuck will let Dave know that Brian will take Joe's keys and will take over Joe's responsibilities.

e. Don shared that Jim Kelly has a background in program design and management in non-profits and that he had offered to work with Don to construct an initial outline for community outreach. Don will follow up at next month's meeting with proposed outlines and purpose.

V. Committee Reports

a. **Charitable Giving.** Margot reports that she, Bette Myerson, Mary Gray, and Elaine Taylor are the only active members. She will offer changing meeting times to accommodate Elaine's work schedule so she can be there in person.

b. Mimi will resign from all committees due to chronic health issues.

c. **Caring Community.** Chuck reported that Jim is recuperating from cancer surgery with his family in CO. Barbara B has returned home following injuries from a fall. Yolanda has no transportation due to car problems. She has a ride on sermons Sundays but not for sharing circle dates. There was a discussion on the possibility of discretionary funds for her car repair but the cost of repair is currently unknown.

Addendum 6/20/25: Yolanda is in transition, moving in with her daughter-in-law, Dawn, so she can be in hospice. They're pretty sure she has cancer, but a biopsy will be returned within a week, by June 27. She and Dawn will probably need some help with a variety of things.

d. **Membership Committee.** Catherine and Jim Kelly expressed interest in joining. Be reports this will bring potential new members to 5 this period. She will look at times for a new-member gathering soon.

e. **Lay leaders.** Mya needs to find her replacement to manage this group now that she is with the board. She will contact Mary Gray regarding taking this role.

VI. **Closing Words.** (Emily)

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