

## UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

President Julian Spalding called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Also present were Chuck Fawns, Be Scott, Margot Coleman, Mya Coursey, and Don Zablosky.

**I. Opening Words:** Margot read a portion of “The Path Made Clear.”

**II. Minutes of the July Meeting:** Margot moved to accept the July meeting minutes, Be seconded, all approved.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:** Be presented the Treasurer’s Report and clarified that plate donations have been generous, but they are not predictable. Margot moved to accept the report, Julian seconded, all approved.

### IV. Items for Discussion

#### Updates

Chuck reported that Dave Cordova will contact Kit Carson Internet regarding the Wi-Fi quality that the Lodge is paying for compared to what is provided.

**V.** The congregation responded to the request to share the burden of paying for Mimi’s portable oxygen tank, leaving \$865 of the year’s \$1,000 of the discretionary fund for future needs.

### VI. New Regular newsletter columns:

- a. The “Leaders” schedule was updated, Sept: Julian, UCOT vision; Oct: Be on membership (with emphasis on new members); Nov: Marsha and Chuck on Day of the Dead; Dec: Don on outreach plans; Jan: Gael on Fifth Sundays; Feb: Barbara Martinez on UCOT Book Group; Mar: Margot on the Charitable Giving Committee.
- b. Be will provide costs related to specific monthly expense each month under Treasurer’s Report, to be titled “Treasurer’s Brief.”
- c. Margot will provide a brief summary each month on a selected organization we support.

### VII. What else?

- a. UCOT will reimburse Chuck a portion of expenses he paid related to Sally’s going-away luncheon.
- b. The Men’s Group hosting schedule will be updated following changes in membership.

- c. Margot will be the lead of the Caring Community. She will provide Diana with updated info related to members' needs. She will also give reports to the Board, with Chuck offering his perspectives.
- d. Kristen Woolf's one-woman show will be announced in the September newsletter.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

**Charitable Giving** (Margot). A representative from each organization we support will be asked to share the impact of our giving to the congregation. This might coincide with Thanksgiving.

**Caring Community** (now Margot). Julian shared that Barbara Berge has recently relocated to Enchanted Village due to housing changes and may need further assistance in adapting. Chuck has been monitoring and providing for the Schultz family's needs. Margot is assisting the Owensbys with moving-related tasks. Marsha is researching ways to increase members' involvement related to helping members.

**Membership Committee** (Be). In the last months, two new members joined, Brian Lewis and James Radnor.

**Sharing Circles** (Don). There is a shared google excel sheet open to board members to verify assignments for circles and lay leader dates. Please alert Don to possible upcoming changes when an assigned person is unable make their commitment.

**5th Sundays** (Gael). The Fifth-Sunday program for August will feature a discussion between prolific writers and long-time New Mexico conservationists William deBuys and Charles Curtin. Gael spoke with *Taos News* regarding writeups on Fifth Sunday topics, both before and after scheduled events.

**Outreach** (Don) The first round of informational business cards was made and will be distributed to groups and the congregation with a description of how each person can be an active part of outreach. Window stickers are made and will be distributed showing UCOT, the website URL, and the chalice logo. All feedback will be used to focus each step of an ongoing outreach plan.

**UCOT Book Group** (Barbara Martinez). 2025 membership has decreased with the absences of Joann Stringer, Sara Sautter, Mimi Ownsby, and Nancy Schultz. Sara will return later this year. 2026 book selection will begin this December.

**IX. Closing Words** (Margot) A prayer by Marianne Williamson.

**X. Next Meeting:** Sep 20, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom