

UCOT Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

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

- I. **Opening Words:** Julian read from UUA.org.
- II. **Minutes of the June Meeting:** Don provided a copy of the minutes. Julian moved that it be accepted as is, Mya seconded, all approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Be provided information through June 2025. She noted that actual donations will be less than initially assumed when the 2025 budget was conceived due to membership loss and reduced pledges because of uncertainty in the economy.
- IV. **Rev. Diana Davies:** Diana outlined the possible impact on sermons and other church discussions if the Johnson Amendment is removed. The UUA has not given formal direction. Sermons and discussions will continue to represent UCOT and UUA beliefs without identifying specific political parties.
- V. **Committee Report: 5th Sundays.** No update on Fifth Sunday programming was provided.
- VI. **Items for Discussion**
 - a. Mimi's oxygen tank expenses have been partially covered by some donors. This need will be presented to the congregation for possible donations. Be moved to use UCOT discretionary funds to make up the difference, Margot seconded, all approved.
 - b. Julian bought MS Word for his use related to church business rather than have UCOT fund this.
 - c. Margot completed the signatories on the accounts with Edward Jones and Centinel.
- VI. **Presentations**
 - a. Mya updated the Lay Leader leadership. Mary Gray and Bob Aubrecht will head the committee. They will solicit additional members.
 - b. Don will combine the Lay Leadership schedule and the Circle presenter schedule as a shared google doc that board members can access.
 - c. Don presented an initial outline of outreach efforts describing the board's involvement, various steps to engage current members, and methods to understand the community's needs. Don and Jim Kelly will work on identifying needs and ways to meet them, as well as methods to measure progress. Updates will be provided to the board monthly.
- VII. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Charitable Giving:** Margot reports that Elaine will leave an open position when she moves. The assessments of organizations UCOT supports will be simplified to just note if the group has changed in any significant way since the last report. This may appeal to a broader range of congregants wanting to be part of the church in some way.

- b. Caring Community:** Chuck reported that the Schultz family is getting help in various ways related to their health issues. Sally Savage will move soon, and there will be a going-away luncheon for her tomorrow (July 20). Chuck and Marsha visited Linda Aubrecht, who continues to adjust to her new home. Meredee Vaughn will remain in Denver but will have a memorial for Dave in Taos on August 16. The board meeting will be moved to August 23 to accommodate this. Yolanda Rommel died July 10. Diana left a message with her daughter-in-law regarding a memorial and is waiting to hear back.
- c. Membership Committee** Be reported 3 new members. Diana suggested that we engage visitors who have attended several times about possible membership. Be will take charge of doing this.
- d. Sharing Circles** Don has posted Circle dates and assignments on shared google doc so board members can easily verify who is scheduled. He will contact the assigned person each month to remind them and find a replacement if they are unable to lead on their Sunday.

VIII. Closing Words Julian read the UU covenants.

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Next Meeting: August 23, 2025, at 1:30 pm via Zoom

Submitted by Don Zablosky