

**UCOT BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom**  
**Meeting ID: 963 8513 7601**  
**<https://zoom.us/j/96385137601>**

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

**I. Opening Words:** Mya read an entry from the hymnal.

**II. Minutes of the August Meeting:** Margot moved that the August meetings be accepted as is, Be seconded, all approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Margot moved that the August report be accepted as is, Be seconded, all approved.

**IV. Presentation on UUA template:** Sara presented the benefits of using a UUA website template. It will still allow the site content to be specific to this church. Sara will research actual cost based on an estimate of the specifics we will need and report the info back to the board.

**V. Items for Discussion**

**Updates**

- a. The wifi provider double the speed at no additional cost.
- b. The courtyard door swells following rains and often sticks. Dave Cordoba is aware of this. He reported he has new locks that will alert him when the door has an issue but there is no known date for installation.
- c. Putting our directory on ChMeetings was discussed. The new website template should be able to have log-in only access to protect personal info from being shared openly with the public.
- d. Taking new members for coffee to was discussed to promote bonding between new and current members. This expense may be covered by the church.
- e. Bryan L put in extra time related to finding new mics and experimenting with placement options.

**VI. Newsletter Columns**

- a. Leadership: October: Be (new members); November: Marsha & Chuck (Day of

the Dead); December: Don (Outreach- Community Connection); January 2026: Gael Minton (fifth Sundays); February: Margot (Charitable Giving)

**b. New Columns**

1. Be began newsletter items that described the cost of a few items. Entries will also Include information about pledges paid to date and other income.
2. Margot produced highlights of our charitable giving program for a small column each month on one of the organizations we support.

**VII. What else?**

- a. Don will begin recruitment for 2026 Circle Facilitators.
- b. Outreach Fifth Sunday, Nov. 30 has Aspen Song Kids scheduled. The group requested a \$200 honorarium plus donations. Be moved to accept this, Margot seconded, all approved.
- c. Don fills three positions and needs to hand off two. Be will take over the board secretary role. Don will continue to work in Outreach, renamed Community Connection. He will continue managing Circles until a new person can be found to take that role.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**a. Charitable Giving:** Margot spoke to Rev. Diana regarding Thanksgiving Service. She agreed that having 2 people from organizations we donate to speak at the service would be agreeable.

Rachel Conn works for Amigos Bravos and was a founding member UCOT. Be agreed to ask her to see if she will give a 5-minute presentation. Mary will ask Katherine Hummell to speak for The Nest. Rev. Diana has a list of the organizations we donate to and a description of each.

**b. Caring Committee** Chuck shared that Patsy Scott had recent surgery and her daughter is here to help. Dennis Scott's cognitive issues limit his ability to help. Jim and Nancy Schultz continue to have medical needs. Margot will follow up with Bob Aubrecht's medical needs.

**c. Membership Committee:** Be described the value of meeting new members for coffee. The board decided to schedule UU 101 Class in November for new and current members. Julian moved to accept this, Be seconded, all approved.

**d. Sharing Circles:** Don will contact 2025 facilitators regarding signing up for 2026. Attendance has been increasing overall.

**e. Outreach, renamed Community Connection:** Don reported limited interest so far in members taking active roles in presenting their benefit from UCOT to others. Advertising cards and car window stickers have been made available to aid in potential discussions. Rev Diana will provide a reminder during the service of how members can be part of community connection.

Don provided a mockup of handheld signs with UCOT info that can be easily carried to activities in town where we want to be seen.

Gael continues to work on getting Fifth-Sunday programing into Taos News.

**IX. Closing Words:** Mya provided closing words from the hymnal.

**X. Next Meeting:** Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom