

UCOT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2025, at 9:30 a.m

Meeting ID: 963 8513 7601

<https://zoom.us/j/96385137601>

Storage, waterproof, fireproof, Mya will research and get a price

President Julian Spalding called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Also present were Margot Coleman, Be Scott, Don Zablosky, Chuck Fawns, and Mya Coursey.

I. Opening Words: Be read the opening words.

II. Minutes of the September Meeting: Margot moved that the September minutes be accepted as is, Chuck seconded, all approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Chuck moved that the September Treasurer's Report be accepted as is, Margot seconded, all approved.

IV. Items for Discussion

a. **Confirming Be as Secretary/Treasurer:** Mya moved, Chuck seconded, all approved.

b. **Storage** of important UCOT documents

Mya agreed to research the purchase of a fireproof and waterproof box to store and preserve our records.

c. **Annual Meeting**

Be will assist Julian in sketching out the documents required for the annual meeting. They will have a meeting and report back on roles. The December Board meeting will be devoted entirely to planning for the annual meeting. Sara Sautter's name came up as someone who might organize a potluck. Julian will call and ask her, and Margot offered to help Sara.

d. **Creation of service/Lay Leader schedule 2026**

At Bob Aubrecht's initiation, Julian reached out to Diana to find out which services she plans to lead in 2026 so we could begin implementing a calendar of services, circles, and special events. She sent a calendar of all events, which Don or someone else can add to the current Google docs listing of lay leaders and facilitators. Julian or Don need to send a new link to Don's chart.

Addendum: Don sent the link to Bob and Mary so they could add lay leader info to the chart.

V. Newsletter Columns:

Leadership: November: Don (Community Connection); December: Julian (president); January 2026: Gael Minton (fifth Sundays); February: Margot (Charitable Giving) will write a column about our giving to the community, about the committee, etc., without specificity to a single organization. This is apart from her monthly blurbs about each organization.

VI. What else?

a. **How can we begin recruiting for 2025/26? (Don)**

Don suggested reaching out to larger churches who have more sophisticated websites, livestreaming, and Facebook pages to see if they might consider part of their social action helping a smaller congregation. He also said he will continue

looking for someone to take on the FB page in lieu of that, and will send Be an invoice for his expenses to date, which she will add to his other pledge/donation record.

a. **Successor to Gael**

Gael's January column will discuss the benefits of the fifth-Sunday services. Active recruiting can begin at that point.

b. **Pledge Campaign**

Be will get started on the pledge campaign, which will include recruiting volunteers to interview members about their opinions. Margot will assist by addressing envelopes for the pledge letters and the income-tax amounts paid.

VII. **Committee Reports**

a. **Charitable Giving** (Margot): Margot will ask Bette about the fate of the \$200 check to St. James Backpacks. The three members of our committee agreed to send \$300 to the Holy Cross Medical Center Debt Relief Fund. They will make further decisions at their meeting in November.

b. **Caring Committee** (Marsha): Marsha Fawns reported on Nancy and Jim Scultz, who could use all the help they can get, and on Patsy and Dennis Scott. Patsy is recovering but slowly. Their children will be leaving soon, so they may need help. Margot reported that Diana had given her some pastoral care counseling.

c. **Membership Committee** (Be): No new members, but we might want to have a Welcome New Member ceremony sometime this fall.

d. **Sharing Circles** (Don) Don has the first five months filled already and is hoping some of the newer members will step up to take on the facilitation role.

e. **Community Connection** (Don): See above. Chuck will connect with Rachel about Service listings in Taos News.

VIII. **Closing Words** (Be)

IX. Next Meeting: Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom, same Zoom ID.