

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18th, 2020
Via Zoom Conferencing ID 647-238-9585

Our Mission is to be an open, expanding and welcoming community that learns, shares and lives spiritual principles.

Our Purpose is to reveal our wholeness and connection with all that is.

Our Vision is to live as Love in a world of Love.

Present: Rev. David Robinson, Buffie Finkel, Karyn Lindberg, Jean Hill-Miller, Larry Gilliam, Teri Echterling, and Doug Pape

Practitioner: Teresa Bielenberg, RScP

Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting, held virtually using Zoom Conferencing, was called to order by President, Buffie Finkel at 6:31 pm

An opening prayer was given by Teresa and a roundtable check-in followed.

Approval of minutes from the meeting on 5/4/2020 – Jean Hill-Miller motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Teri Echterling seconded, and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

- Vision/Mission Statement Team – Rev. David

At the community meeting the vision/mission statement was adjusted and then approved by those in attendance.

Members of the council then shared their perspective on the meeting, and it was agreed that the PowerPoint presentation was great. At the meeting, discussion about the vision statement questioned the Vision. It was explained that the Vision is for us to do our own work so that we can BE love and take it out into the world. Some congregants, and one in particular, voiced their displeasure about not being invited to be on the Vision/Mission Statement Team, and it was explained that every attempt was made to invite all to participate.

- Community Meeting Presentation – Rev. David, Buffie

The major topics of discussion at the meeting were the Vision/Mission Statement as well as the finances.

Rev. David requested that each council member provide pictures of themselves to be placed on the website.

- Board Chairs Academy – Group – 4 of us attended

Four council members attended and also met separately to go through a BCA questionnaire and produced a Review of Best Practices for Leadership which was reviewed at this meeting. At the last Board Chairs Academy meeting a staff review conversation occurred that helped our council become clear that we are doing what works for us; i.e.: Council Members and the minister who frequently work with particular staff members are called upon to do their staff reviews.

New Business

- Financial Presentation – Larry

Larry asked for clarification on the procedure for distributing the financial statements to the Council. Following the Finance Committee Meeting, the financial statements can be sent to council members by Larry or some he delegates, such as Marlisa.

Income for April was \$14,905 and expenses were \$10,849 which gave us an excess of \$4,056.

Money from the grant was received this week and will show up on May's statements.

Due to several questions regarding figures from this time last year, Rev. David will ask Marlisa to add a column with that information.

- Status of Teen Camp – Rev. David

This year Teen Camp in July will be a virtually and the cost is \$25 per Teen.

- Summer Class – Unveiling Your Hidden Power

This is an 8-week class beginning July 7 on the teachings of Emma Curtis Hopkins. It will be held on Zoom and in person. The details are on the website.

- Nourishing Our Community –

Due to the money we have just received, having a fund raiser is only necessary for the 'fun' of it. There have been two cancellations and due to the current situation, Linda and Christi will be contacted for a meeting with Rev. David, Buffie and Karyn to determine how to proceed.

Notes & Stuff

- Quarterly Contribution letters have been sent.

Calendar review

- 6/4 Board Chairs Academy will have a basic presentation on Strategic Planning. On 6/12, they will have a meeting to review the topic and see how it is being applied.
- 6/15 – Finance Team Meeting

Parking Lot

- Update on Tech Soup Software Upgrade – Rev David & Carrie
- Progress on hiring Admin. Asst. – Rev. David
 - Due to Rev. Carrie's eminent ministerial position with Redlands CSL in California, measures will be taken to step up the interviewing process for the new Admin.
- Identifying a Membership Team Coordinator
 - No one has stepped forward. There will be a verbal ask to fill this position.

Next meeting – June 1st (second meeting on June 22nd) on Zoom Meeting ID 647-238-9585, Password 761508

Teresa offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Carrie Masters, Scribe