

Center for Spiritual Living, Olympia
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

Present: Rev. David Robinson, Scott Kissel, Laura Farris, Rob Coleman, Jean Hill-Miller, Rev. Carrie Masters, and Larry Gilliam
Practitioner: Teresa Bielenberg, RScP
Scribe: Teri Echterling

Meeting was held at the home of Rev. David.
Scott Kissel opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Teresa Bielenberg opened the meeting with prayer and there was a brief check in.

Jean moved to approve meeting minutes from August 19, Laura seconded. Motion passed with four approvals, and two abstentions.

Old Business:

Lessons Learned - CSLO & Unity Picnic – Rev David

The picnic was a success and we received positive feedback from many sources. The large turnout was appreciated, but made it difficult for our coordinator, Kelly. The next group service will be held at Nova School.

There was hypothetical discussion regarding the Unity building and grounds. Rev. David mentioned problems with the area and age of facility. Larry opined it would be more cost effective to take on a less than perfect building before opting for new construction.

Update – Oct 13th Gregg Levoy – Rev. David emailed Rev. T. on invite

This will be a combined service with Unity. Our guest speaker, Gregg Levoy, will also be offering a workshop, Callings: In Search of An Authentic Life following the service. The cost to attend is \$30. Rev. David suggested purchasing Costco food for sale. He also floated the idea of a VIP package including dinner with Rev. Terry and Gregg Levoy, and himself for an extra fee.

Pledge Drive – Committee and Chair Update – Rev. David/Rob

Camille has offered to be lead on this committee. Buffie and Mark agreed to be Mr. & Mrs. Finkle. We are on track with obtaining the facility, and cake from The Back Door Bakery. They are only charging the Church half price.

Brent & Amy will play music during beginning festivities. Rev. David will emcee the event. Brent will bring his PA system. Scott offered to bring his if needed. Committee folks are needed for set up/take down. Rev. David asked the council to hold consciousness for the pledge drive, talk to people, and raise the vibration and excitement surrounding the event.

Errors & Omissions Insurance – Update from Laura

Laura coordinated with Barb Y. to go back to her agent to cover both liability and E&O. We are looking at more coverage for extra square footage for less cost. This is on track, but not complete.

Newsletter Articles

Scott will write the Board summary by September 18 to ensure inclusion in the October newsletter.

Update Pizza & Participation, Com. Meeting - Frequency

Community meetings are currently every other month. We received an anonymous suggestion to change this to quarterly meetings. Council approves and will bring it up to the community.

Camille has asked for 15 minutes on the community meeting agenda to pitch the Holistic Fair and Pizza & Participation. Neither Rev. David, nor Rob will be at Pizza and Participation.

Linda Sickles asked that Prosperity Team and Finance team do 1st Sunday coffee in conjunction with pledge drive.

Four agenda items for community meeting: Holistic Fair, Pizza & Participation, pledge drive, and new home committee. Rev. David will share the new vision statement for the new home.

Holistic Fair – Update from Jean

Camille Fastle has taken on leadership for the Holistic Fair. Janet Terese has stepped down due to health concerns. Currently, we have 26 table spaces, and 14 confirmed vendors. Kathy Gilliam has agreed to check with possible vendors. Jean is also talking to prospects. We have all four banner sponsors: Firefly Yoga, New Leaf Hyperbarics, New Traditions Café, and Olympia Food Co-op.

We are expecting income of \$3855, and total expenses of \$2650. This figure is for 200 people attending. Proceeds are expected from food. Camille is working with Traditions regarding possible catering. We need more vendors. Lacey Community Center and Unity may help spread the word. September 30 is the new deadline for vendor sign up.

There was a meeting at Caroline's house regarding fair, Camille reported out. Karen Lindberg is working on marketing and looking for low cost advertising.

Update on New Home committee – Rev. David

The last meeting included the video from week 4 of Prosperity II, Buying and Selling With Spiritual Principles. Rev. David, Ann, and Buffy, used these principles to create a vision statement for the new home. The statement was sent to committee and Rev. David will unveil it on Sunday.

Update on Staff Evaluations – Laura

Carrie presented the first self-evaluation to Laura. Contracts, previous year's evaluations, goals people set for themselves, and council expectations are some of the criteria that will be used for evaluations. Jean will give personnel files to Laura on Sunday for scanning to PDF. Discussion ensued about community feedback regarding Rev. David's performance. Rev. David brought up the idea of focus groups for his next year's evaluation, and for other church happenings.

New Business

September Council Member on duty

9/15: Larry Gilliam

9/22: Laura Farris

9/29: Rob Coleman

10/6: Jean Hill-Miller – first Sunday

Class signups – Rev. David

There are 15 signed up for Prosperity Plus III. There will be 5-6 attending on Wednesday mornings from 10-12, and the rest on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30.

There are 3 signed up for Foundations Class, which will be held at Buffie's house.

Rev. David added that the delegates from the last election are needed again for the next home office election. They will be voting to change home office bylaws into policies and procedures.

Calendar review

- 9/10 - Prosperity Plus 3 begins on Tuesdays. 7 week class
- 9/12 – Foundations begins at Buffie's
- 9/15 – Community Meeting
- 9/20 – 9/22 - Rev David at New Thought Rally in Eugene (Rev. Carrie guest speaker)
- 9/21 – Booth at Peace Day Rally – Ann A lead
In minutes from last interfaith works meeting. We will use current marketing brochures for booth. Future Interfaith Works lead will not be a volunteer sign-up, rather someone accountable to council and Rev.
- 9/22 – Pizza & Participation
- 9/29 – Prosperity Program Launch party – 6 p.m.
- 9/29 – Going away party for Rev. Carrie (combined with above)
- 9/30 – 10/4 – Rev. David at Minister's Convo in Kelowna, BC
- 10/13 – Greg Levoy guest speaker – Joint Service with Unity @ CSL

Parking Lot

- Mission and Vision Statement Team – Rev. David
- Tech Soup Software Upgrade

- Discussion regarding community evaluation of Rev. David Larry suggested adjusting the meetings to end at 8:00 rather than 8:15. Rev. David would like to keep to 8:15 to allow for any needed extra discussion.

The next meeting – Sept. 23rd at Rev. David's
Teresa offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Echterling