

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1st, 2020 - 6:30 – 8:30
Zoom 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: Marlisa Johnson, RScP

Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting, held virtually using Zoom Conferencing, was called to order by President, Buffie Finkel at 6:35 pm

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

Approval of the minutes from the meeting on 5/18/2020 – Jean Hill-Miller motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Rev. David seconded, and the motion was carried with one abstention.

Old Business:

- Hiring New Admin Assistant – Rev. David – There are five good candidates and Rev. David will check in with each one to be sure they want to continue being considered for the position. Teri, who is in charge of contracts and has recent admin experience, has agreed to assist with the hiring process.
- Status of Fundraisers – Buffie – A meeting was held to talk about the NOC event. This meeting was attended by Christi Johnson, Rev. David, Karyn Lindberg, Linda Sickles and Buffie Finkel. Three events have been cancelled, leaving four (maybe five) events total.
Buffie spoke about Camille's email indicating that we could revisit the budget and it was agreed that we don't need funds due to money recently received. At the meeting it was determined that each host can handle the bidding themselves for their individual event. It was further agreed that people want to be able to get together, but we must consider the current circumstances in approving events.
- The Holistic Fair was discussed, and it was determined that Camille will be contacted about postponing the Fair until next Fall. It was also suggested that those who would normally participate be contacted to let them know of the event's status. It was agreed that Camille will have the final word on this decision.
- Council Book Orientation - Buffie & Rev. David – After a thorough discussion of each section of the Council binders and noticing that many sections needed to be updated for various council members, it was decided to table this subject until it is possible to meet in person and be able to photocopy items needed, making sure every binder is up to date and in workable condition.

- Council Members pictures – Rev. David reminded all council members that pictures are needed for the website.

New Business

- SBA Loan – Rev. David – We have been approved for the SBA loan in the amount of \$78,300. This is a 30-year loan with no payments due for a year. The interest rate is 2.275% and the monthly payback will be around \$335.00. It was suggested that this could be put into our new home fund. Finance Team has been contacted but we have not received input from them yet. Buffie suggested that the Finance Team make a recommendation to the board. They will be meeting in two weeks.
- Status of Returning to in-person Sundays – Rev. David – A letter was sent to Barbara Hutton at Nova School requesting to use their outdoor field for our services. Their answer was “no”. We can have 25% of the room’s capacity with proper adherence to CDC guidelines which amounts to about 20 members of our congregation. At this point, it is up to Nova to give us the go-ahead. For the immediate future, we are on Zoom.

Notes & Stuff

Calendar review

- 6/3 - MIF Presentation on Fundraising Dinners in the Era of COVID (Denny & Rev. David) Our pledge dinner has been slated for Saturday, Sept 12 and Gwinwood has been reserved. The information from the MIF meeting will be helpful should the dinner occur and for dinners in the future.
- 6/4 & 12 - Board Chairs Academy – The June meetings are about strategic planning and named, “The Strategic Board”. Buffie, Rev. David, and Karyn will attend.
- 6/6 – Visioning – Regular monthly visioning will be held on this date.
- 6/15 – Finance Team Meeting
- 6/19 – Solstice Party @ Mulhall’s – It is being scheduled, but we have not received any details yet.

Larry asked if we could begin our meetings at 7pm during the summer and ending by 9. Everyone agreed.

Parking Lot

- Update on Tech Soup Software Upgrade – Rev David & Carrie
- Identifying a Membership Team Coordinator

The next meeting is June 22nd on Zoom at 7pm.

A closing prayer was given by Marlisa Johnson, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carrie Masters, Scribe