

Center for Spiritual Living  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 22nd, 2020 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
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, and Teri Echterling.

Absent: 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 7:00 pm

An opening prayer was given by Marlisa and a roundtable check-in followed answering the question, "How have I been applying and living our Mission, Purpose & Vision Statement."

### **Consent Agenda – Council approved agenda**

Approval of minutes from 6/1/20 – Motion was made by Rev. David and seconded by Jean Hill Miller. Motion carried with 1 abstention.

### **Approval of Financial Report – Buffie –**

Buffie suggested that future financials be color coded for ease in comparing data. All agreed.

Jean had a question about the bottom line, which Rev. David answered with a PowerPoint slide. May 31<sup>st</sup> total income YTD was \$65,419. Expenses \$68,421. Buffie requested a graph, and Rev. David offered to work on bringing that forward.

Larry reported five categories that were over budget or over what was determined from the past year, which included Leadership conference expenses, salary increases, sound supplies, class expenses and office expenses. The council was reminded that the Finance committee reviews the financials line by line.

It was pointed out that on the Balance Sheet the PPL loan is now its own line item and not combined with Prepaid Tithes.

### **Attendance/Membership Report**

Attendance 2020 YTD is 1,349.

Doug Stearns as well as Practitioner, Sylvia Schroeder and her partner, Ram may be interested in Membership.

Qualification for membership are: Foundations Class, submit pledge card, serve doing volunteer work. Doug was volunteering, has taken Foundations, has pledge card on file. Buffie would like this as a written report before each meeting.

## **Resource Report (People & Money)**

- Hiring New Admin Assistant – Rev. David – The search began with five applicants and there is now one, Teresa Bielenberg, who is now dealing with a health challenge. Sandy Dell can provide back up doing website work.
- Status of Fundraisers – Buffie – Our website has info for the NOC events. This year there is a flat rate for each event. Rev. David did not connect with Camille regarding Holistic Fair.
- Class signups – Rev. David reported that eight have signed up for the Hidden Power Class. This Sunday will be last day to sign up.

## **Decisions to be Made**

- SBA Loan – Rev. David – This was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting including the idea of using the funds for purchasing vs leasing our new home. Since the Finance Committee meeting, it was discovered that the SBA organization requires more information about our organization before approving the loan. The funds from this loan can be used for any expense. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the loan with the condition we have a place to park it that will earn interest. Rev. David will investigate what further information they need. A motion is premature at this time.
- Status of Returning to in person Sundays – Rev. David –Based on conversations with various members, we will continue as we are at this time.

## **Council Learning Opportunity**

- *(New agenda, dashboards, etc.)*
  - Practicing with our Consent Agenda – It was suggested that submitting and reading reports ahead of meeting would be more efficient.

Council was reminded that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month involves reviewing the meeting minutes, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month involves reviewing the financials, attendance reports and minutes prior to the meetings.

Dashboard was explained as -

A simple-to-look at matrix of information which makes data easy to see  
Looking at highlights  
Track progress toward goals  
Understand system dynamics  
And more...

Visuals that are easy to read

Will be worked on to show at next meeting

## **Mobilizing Our Mission**

- Visioning for our MPV – Rev. David  
From Buffie - Rev. David & Buffie received an email with a specific request to engage in exploration of what is what is ours to do; vision, pray, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue and extend an invitation to reach out to local organizations of SURJ and Black Lives Matter to see about engaging them in dialogue with our Center.  
Perhaps have Rev. D contact someone to speak during one of our services.  
Contact Interfaith Works and Concerned Clergy.

Sitting deeply with what is ours to do during next visioning session.

From Rev. David

A book study on "Me and White Supremacy" is being offered by CSL. It is a five-week book study. This is part of the education we need in order to wake up to what is next for us to do to bring equality.

A community book study and discussion could be an answer to Denny's question (Denny sent the above-mentioned email).

Discussion of possibilities

Invite Denny to make contacts – who would share with us on Sunday  
How to connect and how we can be supportive

Have an extra Zoom meeting for a guest speaker for those who are comfortable with the subjects.

Connecting locally to learn what can be done locally in Olympia.

What's our intention?

To learn and thereby decentering from ego and expanding our view more globally and walking in another person's shoes.

The initial contact would be about learning with unifying dialogue.

Buffie will talk to Denny to look for several people to share with us in a separate evening Zoom meeting for a learning opportunity and teaching moment.

### **Calendar review**

- 6/25 – IFW Garden Party (virtual) – can still register to attend
- 7/4 – Visioning? Rev will send out an email to get feedback about doing visioning that day.
- 7/7 – Begin Unveiling Your Hidden Power class -
- 7/18 – Board Retreat – Burfoot Park 3:30 – 6:30
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### **Parking Lot**

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

Next meeting – July 6th on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

A closing prayer was given by Marlisa Johnson, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Carrie Masters, Scribe