

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21st, 2020 – 7:00-9:00
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: Buffie Finkel, RScP, Larry Gilliam, Jean Hill-Miller, Teri Echterling, Barbara Yanagimachi, Rev. David Robinson, Christi Johnson, Teresa Bielenberg

Absent: None

Practitioner: Teresa Bielenberg

Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

The meeting, held virtually on Zoom, was called to order by President, Buffie Finkel at 7:00 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

- Minutes will be reviewed at the Oct 5th meeting
- Financial review

Review and discussion of the financial report.

Highlights-

CSL-Oly is at 85.5% YTD budget for pledge income and 81.5% YTD of non-pledge income from revised budget in July.

Compared to LYTD, contribution income is an increase of close to \$5,000 and the expenses have increased close to \$300.

Fundraisers brought in about \$300 more than projected.

Accredited classes have brought in \$6654 compared to the projected budget of \$4666.

Non-accredited classes have not been held yet this year; there is no income from that revenue stream.

Administrative budget expenses are lower than budget projected, at 75% of budgeted amount.

Currently, the budgets for personnel are sustainable with the current income.

Most expenses are in alignment with the projections made in the budget.

We have the Economic Injury loan of \$78,000 that will be moved to the brokerage account.

We have the Payroll Protection Loan of \$3345 that may be forgiven in the future.

Christi made the motion to approve the financial report.

Teri seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The council members suggested that a lighter color of green be used in the report due to the heavy color saturation reducing the contrast of the numbers.

Resource Report (People & Money)

- New Board member--welcoming Barb Y.
Barb is rejoining the Core Council filling the vacancy of Member-at-large from the resignation of Doug Pape. Duties for this position include strategic planning and community outreach in conjunction with Buffie. This is a two-year term that began in March, 2020.
- Pledge party debrief Rev. David and Buffie
Response to the Pledge party event has been positive. The party boxes were well received and contained flashing hearts and goodies to eat, along with a pledge card. The Zoom party was the safest way for the CSL to have an event this year.
First two Sundays of October have Youth testimonials from camp. The other two Sundays in October there could be testimonials from members about what they've gotten out of the CSL community.
 - Action Item - Reminders to mail pledge cards should be sent out.
- CSL Day of Peace - Rev. David
World Peace Day was celebrated at 1:00pm local time across the world today, Sept.21, 2020. Rev. David led 16 participants that were all from the CSL community in peaceful intentions
- **Decisions to be Made**
Thank you cards for Core Council service. The Council is grateful for Karyn and Doug's participation and time.
 - Action Item - Cards will be sent to Doug and Karyn for their service on the Council.

ADDITIONAL CONVERSATION – Pathways to Membership Flyer. There is a “Formal Membership at CSL-Three Requirements to Membership” document.

There currently is not a membership coordinator (Parking Lot item).

- Action Item - Do research on how other groups handle non-resident memberships while holding virtual services and events. Also, clarify our membership pathway at this time.

Council Learning Opportunity

- Lessons learned—Buffie
Onboarding of Council members – the current opportunities for new Core Council members to learn about Council leadership are the Council orientation and the Board Chair Academy. Other opportunities could include having a current board member mentor novice board members.
- Fall Sacred Circle?— Rev. David and Buffie
Rev. David discussed that a Sacred Circle will start again after the class is well underway. The potential start date will be in late October or early November

Mobilizing Our Mission

- Business as Unusual Webinars – Rev. David
These are a series of four webinars provided by the home office. Topics include financials; we have been here before, how to do this new process during a pandemic, and how to speak about Religious Science.

Calendar review

Action Items-

- Council needs to collect budgets from the committees
 - Need to do self-assessments
These fall under Teri's duties and the whole council supports this process.
Jean will send Teri the copies of contracts.
Tiffany will look for blank contracts
Teri will talk to Laura Ferris for the process.
 - Planning calendar access – not all council members were able to access the planning calendar with the email invite sent by Tiffany. Tiffany will resend planning calendar invites. Tiffany may be able to export the calendar for Christi to view. Frequency of the export may be a concern depending on how often the calendar is updated.
 - Tiffany/Rev. David will look for the committee or group budget request form. This may be searched for with key words "Service teams, Forms folder or Budget."
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- Sacred Sunday Evenings resumed on 9/20
 - Rev. David Vacation – 9/25 – 10/1
 - John Rozenberg at Firefly Yoga --10/3
 - Halloween Sunday--11/01 -wear masks?
 - Christmas Service 12/27 ideas: Christmas parade
 - Core council meetings Oct 5th and 19th
 - Finance committee October 12th

Parking Lot

- Identifying a Membership Team Coordinator

Next meeting – October 5th on Zoom 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer was conducted by Teresa Bielenberg and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel -scribe