

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17th, 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, Teri Echterling, Doug Pape and Rev. David Robinson
Guest: Denny Kautzmann
Absent: Jean Hill-Miller
Practitioner: None
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 and a roundtable check-in followed answering the question, “How have I been applying and living our Mission, Purpose & Vision Statement?”

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the approval of minutes from 8/3/2020 and the approval of July Financial Report.

Larry made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Teri seconded the motion and it was carried.

Resource Report (People & Money)

Discussion on finances. We ended the month down by \$2739 though still \$220 in the black for the year. Our giving is \$10,043 below budget. Approximately 87% of pledges are coming in. The projections are that the expenses and income are in alignment. Teri had a question on rent number appearing as 130% of budget. Rev. David clarified that this was due to the revision of the budget, accounting for the reduction in rent to NOVA and will continue to decline to be 0% over by year end.

- Brokerage Account – Denny Kautzmann was invited to present the information about the TD Ameritrade account to the council.
This will be an account that will be tied to the checking account so that funds can be moved in and out of the accounts.
Denny recommended that Council officers be listed for notices regarding trading done in the account. In addition, Denny suggested that there be a team or committee that will review any prospectus and make recommendations regarding the account. Full trading authority should rest with the officers listed in the application. Trade confirmations and account statements will be delivered by email and need to be forwarded to the council.

Denny shared the application on screen and the council helped with filling out the information.

The investment objectives of this account will be growth with a moderate risk and liquidity of more than one year as the investment horizon is more than 13 years in the future.

Denny's recommendations are to set up ACH with the checking account to allow movement of funds to the TD Ameritrade account.

The trading authorization agreement allows Denny to make transactions that are requested from the Finance committee and approved by the Council.

Any of the officers listed on the application (Teri, Buffie, and Larry) can make a deposit or withdrawal.

Sources of funds for the Ameritrade account may come from the Legacy Circle or the SBA loan.

Denny shared an idea that could be used for the Fall Pledge Drive: Ask members to consider giving to the Legacy Circle in addition to their pledge. Members could give as little as a single share of stock.

Buffie suggested that there be targets and intentions set for the TD Ameritrade account. These would be made by the Council, Finance committee and Prosperity team.

David suggested that the interest of the account be used for funding projects and the principal be left untouched to continue to grow.

- SBA Loan update – Rev. David reported that there was no new information to share regarding the Small Business Association loan.
- Gift for John Mulhall - The gift of \$100 was made to the Archives in John's name.

Application for Council position –

Christi Johnson is applying for the vacant seat on the council. Buffie will send the application to Christi and Tiffany will do a background check.

Decisions to be Made

- Conversation about Sunday Service – Buffie shared thoughts about the Zoom services and there was a short discussion about the different settings that can be used to view only the speaker or the speaker and attendees.
- Shani's income – Rev. David addressed that with the restrictions of meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic Shani's income may have been impacted. Normally they would have four hours a week employment. This has been reduced to 1.5 hours a week since there are no live meetings at NOVA school. The intention of the Council was to keep all employees employed during the pandemic. David suggested that Shani's contract could be renegotiated to be a salary equal to the amount of four hours a week at their current hourly pay.

- Rev. David made a motion that beginning with the August pay period, Shani would receive the equivalent of four hours work per week as salary. The motion was seconded by Teri and carried.

Council Learning Opportunity – None

Mobilizing Our Mission

- CSL Day of Peace, Monday, 9/21/2020 at 1:00 PM
Rev. David proposed a Labyrinth walk in cooperation with Unity. The Practitioner's meeting would be moved from September 21st to September 14th to allow participation.
- Pledge Dinner Member Meeting 8/26/2020 – Rev. David informed the Council of the Zoom meeting scheduled for August 29th. The discussion at the meeting will include determining a theme for the Fall Pledge Drive.
- New Class – Revealing Wholeness – Rev. David
This class will meet seven Tuesdays, starting September 15th through Nov. 3rd. One Tuesday will not have a class due to Rev. David's planned vacation toward the end of September. The class examines the flow of Spirit, Mind and Body through, and as each of us by connecting the Science of Mind principles and current science to enhance our understanding of health.

Calendar review

Visioning – **No visioning meeting on Sept. 5th**

Parking Lot

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

Next meeting – September 7th on Zoom (Labor Day). If Christi is present this meeting will be an orientation.

Closing Prayer was conducted by Rev. David and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel -scribe