

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 7th, 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, and Rev. David Robinson
Absent: Doug Pape
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 by Rev. David and a roundtable check-in followed answering the question, “How have I been applying and living our Mission, Purpose & Vision Statement?”

Consent Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda under Decisions to be Made.

1. Rev. Carrie’s Thank you gift -Jean
2. Support for Sandy Dell - Council
3. John Rozenberg will be holding a Healing Circle Oct. 3rd in Olympia - Teri
4. Approval of minutes from 8/17/2020 was suspended until the next meeting, as changes were noted by Teri and Jean.

Resource Report (People & Money)

- **Christi’s Welcome and Responsibilities**
Christi is a new member-at-large. Buffie outlined Christi’s duties as Community Development and a liaison for many groups.
Buffie mentioned that the person previously leading the Prayer Shawl group had stepped down and contact should be made to get the name of the new person leading that group.
Buffie, Rev. David and Christi will have an offline conversation to discuss who is on each committee (Section 4 contact list in the Council book)
- **SBA Loan update – Rev. David**
The SBA loan was received. These funds will go into the brokerage account. Repayments for this loan do not begin for one year. Rev. David suggested that the funds could be used for furnishing our new location when it is found.
- **Shani’s income – Rev. David**
Rev. David researched the impact on Shani’s income due to not meeting at NOVA school during the pandemic. Shani is paid monthly and was not adversely impacted. There was a small overpayment and this will be corrected.

- Pledge Dinner/ Member Meeting (9/19) – Rev. David/Buffie. The member meeting yielded the slogan “Connected as One, Joyously Thriving in an Evolving World.” Discussion of the party pack contents for each attendee. RSVPs are due by Sunday, September 13th.
Budget considerations - Brent will donate his time providing music and Amy will be paid \$75.

Decisions to be Made

- When do we start strategic planning, bylaws revisions, employee evaluations? The planning calendar should include a request for budgets from committees. Employee evaluations are held in October-November, so that any changes in pay can be accounted for in the next budget cycle.
Bylaws must be ready in January for members to vote on in March.
Policy and Procedures are internal council business.
- Rev. Carrie’s Thank you gift.
Discussion of ideas for the thank you gift for Rev. Carrie – Framed photo of the picture on the directory or donation to archives.
Discussion of the budget for gifts.
Rev. David mentioned that Teri should also have an administrative assistant thank you gift. Teri declined the gift
 - Action Item: Next meeting a motion can be made to determine what the gift will be. Research will be made on what is typically spent.
 - Rev. David mentioned that year to date \$75 has been spent on three gifts. Therefore \$25 is the usual budget.
- Support for Sandy Dell.
Discussion – Cash is probably the most needed item. An announcement and article in eNews will be made to invite the congregation to donate to an account for Sandy and her husband. Buffie suggests the council seed the account. Jean suggests \$200 as seed money.
Rev. David made the motion to seed the donation account with \$200. Jean seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- John Rozenberg will be holding a Healing circle Oct. 3rd in Olympia. – Teri
Teri informed the council that John Rosenberg would be in town to hold a healing breath circle, Oct. 3rd. Firefly yoga is sponsoring John. The Council agreed to spread the word about event through the eNews.

Council Learning Opportunity

- History of CSL-O - Buffie
Buffie is interested in capturing our history by creating a timeline in Excel of who was on the council over the years. Jean will provide copies of council minutes to Buffie.
Rev. David suggests that the one page history in Section 11 in the council notebook be reviewed.

Mobilizing Our Mission

- CSL Day of Peace, 9/21 at 1:00 PM - Rev. David
Recognition of the World Peace Day is Monday, September ~~21~~,21; at 1:00 pm.
Rev. David will host a meditation and contemplation for peace in our Sunday service Zoom room.
- Business as Unusual Webinars – Rev. David
Rev. David will be attending the webinars from the home office.

Calendar review

- Vanco Giving Webinar – 9/9
- Finance Committee Meeting – 9/14
- Minister's Convo (Zoom) 9/14 – 16
- Revealing Wholeness Class begins – 9/15
- Pledge Launch dinner 9/19
- Sacred Sunday Evenings Resumes – 9/20
- Day of Peace Event – 9/21
- Rev. David Vacation – 9/25 – 10/1
- Buffie vacation 9/28-10/3

Parking Lot

- Update on Tech Soup Software Upgrade – Rev David
This item is being removed from the parking lot.
- Identifying a Membership Team Coordinator
Council should keep this item in mind but we will remove it from the parking lot

Next meeting – September 21st on Zoom

Closing Prayer was conducted by Rev. David and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel -scribe