

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 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

Absent: None

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. A roundtable check-in followed, answering the question, "How have I been applying and living our Mission, Purpose & Vision Statement?"

Consent Agenda

- **Review and discussion of the financial report**

Highlights-

This is the first month CSL-Oly is below LY for the month, although overall still ahead of LYTD. This may be due to several people contributing last year at this time to catch up with their pledges.

Jean commented that it is about time for the third-quarter reminder letter to let people know where they stand with their pledges.

Action Item - Rev. David will work on the letter.

Currently the pledge contributions are at 87% of the total amount pledged

Expenses are in alignment with the budget.

Class expenses are lower due to fewer costs for materials and printing, and the income from the current class is in, but the expenses don't happen until completion. Income from classes is above expected.

We have the Economic Injury loan of \$78,200 that was moved to the brokerage account.

We have the Payroll Protection Loan of \$3345 that still sits as a liability until it is paid back or forgiven in the future.

Barb mentioned that as a community we have shifted our prosperity consciousness.

Rev. David described the trend over the last few years from running at a deficit to becoming solvent. The community has worked with Prosperity Plus and called this money forth.

Rev. David made the motion to approve the financial report.

Larry seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Rev. David made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, second by Christi and motion carried.

Corrections to be made:

Denny left the meeting prior to voting

Discussion on the types of giving on the WSU Foundation website and the CSL Olympia web page.

Minutes will be corrected and distributed to Core Council and Sandy Dell, for posting on the website.

Resource Report (People & Money)

Report from Practitioner Gathering - Buffie

Buffie attended a Zoom gathering of Practitioners. Also attending were Marlisa, Sandy, and Sylvia. There were 140 Practitioners from eleven countries participating in the weekend event. Tracy Brown's information was particularly useful and the Practitioners are discussing how to implement some of the ideas into the community such as phone calls during this time when we cannot meet in-person and not everyone attends the zoom meetings.

Decisions to be Made

- Gift for Carrie-
Discussion by members and decision on a \$50 gift card to be sent to Carrie. Jean made the motion, Barb second, and motion carried.
Action Item - Rev. David will take care of getting the gift card.
- Community meeting topic-Re-envisioning church?-Buffie
The world is changing and what do we envision "church" to be in the future.
Rev. David commented that the home office presented a video on this topic a few months ago.
Action Item - He will look it up and share information that is appropriate for the community.
- Benevolence Fund committee member selection- all
Discussion of the scope of work for the committee. Rev. David surmised that there will be the start-up work of developing the policies and procedures, then a meeting about every two months for administration and maintenance of the fund.
Barb asked if the majority of maintenance would fall on Marlisa. Rev David replied that there would be a committee for approving applications that people would make. The process would be decided in the Policies and Procedure work.
Members volunteering are Rev. David, Teri, Christi (policy and procedures part only), and Barb.
Rev. David thought that Denny had expressed an interest.
Action Item - Buffie will contact Denny

Council Learning Opportunity

Our church's timeline—Buffie

Buffie did considerable work to track the history of the church. Buffie shared the document and will email a copy to the Core Council. Rev David and Buffie will have off-line discussion on additional information.

Staff Reviews

Teri updated the committee on the Staff review process. Staff self-appraisals are due on Oct. 20th. Oct. 22nd is the date that the Council will review the grid that Teri created from the individual review documents.

Action Item - Date for round two discussed and Teri will post it. The individual reviews will be scheduled through November.

Mobilizing Our Mission

- Staying connected to newcomers on Zoom-Buffie
Newcomers contact the admin by phone or email to receive the password for the service. Rev. David receives emails and responses from the MeetUp group and provides them with the password. We could send a message to the emails of the people that request the password. Email could be an invitation to join the email.
Rev. David suggested that Denny could send the newcomers a private chat during the service with a greeting and asking if they would like to receive our eNews.
Action Item - Denny will be contacted regarding this.
- Identifying a Membership Team Coordinator-
Buffie was given the suggestion of Diana Palmer for a possible Membership Team Coordinator.
Action Item - Christi will contact Diana.
Action Item - Tiffany will look for a job description on the admin computer.
Rev. David also mentioned Angelina may be a good person for the position.

Calendar review

- Halloween Saturday--10/31
- Sacred Circles begin week of 11/1
- Visioning – 11/7
- Employee review deadline 11/30
- Budget approval 12/21
- Christmas Service 12/20 Discussion of ideas to make the service special, Santa telling a story, holiday theme borders on our zoom screens, music and sing-a-longs.

Parking Lot -none

Next meeting – November 2nd on Zoom

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel - scribe