

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 23rd, 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, Rev. David Robinson, Christi Johnson, Barb Yanagimachi

Absent: None

Practitioner: Marlisa Johnson

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 Marlisa.

Mission Moment –A reading by Christi

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from November 2nd, 2020

- Christi made the motion to approve the minutes; Rev. David seconded the motion, Motion carried. Barb abstained due to being absent from the Nov. 2nd meeting

Financial report

- Rev. David provided a review of the Financial report covering the Balance sheet, income and expenses.
Barb made the motion to approve the financials, Larry seconded the motion, motion carried.

Resource Report (People & Money)

- Letter of Call Update committee selection - The Letter of Call (contract of church with the minister) was discussed. This contract is due Dec. 31, 2020.
Barb, Buffie and Teri volunteered to be on the committee for developing the 2021 Letter of Call.
 - Barb needs the 2020 Letter of Call. Rev. David has a copy to share
- How to include our Youth in the Service – Rev. David

Discussion on how to include youth in the service. Buffie raised the question of how other churches do this.

Christi shared that Agape church has youth share affirmations on video for the services. Teri suggested that maybe the Youth inclusion could be a featured once a month. Buffie suggested that there be a report out video of what the youth learned during their service.

Jean asked why the teens don't take part in the adult service.

Barb shared that the next month with five Sundays is January, if that is the chosen as the Sunday for youth features. Rev. David mentioned that Adrienne and he were already working on having the youth be involved that Sunday.

Ideas were shared by the council and no decisions made at this point.

- Community meeting debrief- Rev David shared that the community meeting went well. There was a question posed to all, then small breakout groups were created in Zoom rooms.
- Our vision for supporting the larger community – Discussion of serving the larger community. A suggestion was made to inquire if Gwinwood Retreat Center needs support. Currently Gwinwood is hosting first responders onsite. Discussion of ways to support Gwinwood through a work party or financial support.
 - Rev David will contact Gwinwood and report back to the Council.
- Connection Calls – Rev. David
Practitioners will begin calling members listed in the directory once a month to check-in. Anyone that is not in the directory is invited to contact the office for inclusion in the calls. Alex Perlman will begin his calls in January.

Decisions to be Made

- Finance committee recommendation regarding the New Home fund- Rev. David
The New Home fund is in a low interest Twin Star savings account. The Finance committee has brought forward to the council, the suggestion to move the funds to the T.D. Ameritrade account to make more money. Discussion followed regarding if there were any criteria attached to the New Home funds specifying how the funds were to be used. The funds were not earmarked for specific uses under the umbrella of supporting the new Olympia CSL home. Rev. David made a clarification that the funds, if moved to T.D. Ameritrade would be tracked separately and not absorbed into the larger T.D. Ameritrade funds.
Barb made the motion that the New Home funds be transferred to the T.D. Ameritrade account and be separate from the other T.D. Ameritrade funds. Jean seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Budget review and approve- Rev. David
The 2021 budget was reviewed by the Council. The budget projects ending the year comfortably in the black. Rev. David pointed out that if the Covid protocols come to an end and we return to Nova, it will have a significant effect on expenses, however, there is enough margin in the budget to handle a mid-year return. Raises of \$25/wk. were approved for both Adrienne and for Brent in his role as Music Director. Barb motioned that the 2021 Budget be approved. Teri seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rev. David thanked the Finance Committee, and especially Marlisa and Larry for their work on the 2021 Budget.

- Approve Admin. Assist. Contract- Rev. David
The Council reviewed the contract for the Administrative Assistant. Barb made the motion to approve the Administrative Assistant contract with the provision that Independent Contractor be capitalized in the document. Jean Seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Rev. David said he was considering a Christmas Eve service since Covid will restrict parties and family visits. The Council gave unanimous thumbs up to the idea. David and Brent will work on creating a joyful, music filled Christmas Eve service.

Council Learning Opportunity

- Bubble Chart redraw volunteer?
Due to the meeting running late this item was postponed.

Mobilizing Our Mission

- Zoom Chat room Monitor report- Buffie
Denny Kautzmann will be the Chatroom monitor and welcome new attendees to the service.

Calendar review

- Visioning 12/5
- Deepening with the Divine Retreat – Cancelled
- Solstice Service 12/20
- Sacred Sunday Evening 12/20

Parking Lot

Check in with Nova

Next meeting – December 7th on Zoom

Closing Prayer was given by Marlisa Johnson and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel -scribe