

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday August 8th, 2022 – 6:30 – 8:30
At Rev. David's home and Zoom

Our Mission is to be an open, expanding, and welcoming community that learns, lives, and shares 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: Rev. David Robinson, Lorrie Chase, Laura Farris, Scott Kissel Jean Hill-Miller, Beth Thompson
Practitioner: Linda Villegas Bremer, RScP
Absent: Buffie Finkel, RScP
Guest: Shani Banai
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

The meeting, held both in person and on Zoom, was called to order by Laura Farris at 6:30 p.m.

An opening prayer was given by Linda.

Rev. David read from Mark Nepo's, "The Book of Awakening."

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

Special Report to Council

Audio Visual Equipment for New Building

Shani

Shani provided a report on the Audio Video system for the new home. Shani has put in a great deal of work on researching needed equipment and pricing. They have also enlisted the help of outside consultants.

A camera operator will be needed, and council discussed a little of what the job entails and wage.

Once the equipment is installed there will be testing done so make sure that we are ready for holding services.

Accommodation for hearing impaired during Sunday services was discussed. Shani will review the equipment we currently have to see if it's still workable.

Shani also mentioned that Zoom will likely be replaced with a different live stream format. Following their report, Shani left with thanks and appreciation from Council.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Jean made the motion to approve the July 18, 2022, minutes version 2 distributed by Rev David. Scott seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the council.

Resource Report (People & Money)

Libby Road Update

David

Planters for flowers have been installed outside by the windows.

The water pump will be replaced this coming week.

Sanctuary carpeting will be installed this week.

Rental Agreement Update

David/Laura

The rental agreement has been received by the lawyer, Barnett Kalikow, for CSL Olympia.

Council will be involved in the approval of the agreement. Rev. David and Laura will be the signers on the agreement.

Rent has been set at \$2,000/month. The rental contract includes a 5% increase per year. A question was raised about finding out the Cost-of-Living Index and looking at that as an option to the 5% increase.

Laura is going to check if the lease agreement is annual or multi-year.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Update on Visioning

David

The visioning for the Fall prosperity program and coming year will be held on August 20th at 10:00 am on Zoom. This is a CSL members only event and Rev. David will send out an email invite.

It is expected that a group will form from this meeting that will be involved on the planning of the Fall program. Ideas mentioned were theme, table captains, costumes, and more ideas to come after the visioning.

We will not have to rent a space this year. We will have the event catered.

Decisions to be Made

Sandy's travel (update on Finance Comm. Action)

Jean

Jean was going to request the finance committee recommend funds for covering the cost of Sandy and Malcolm's travel to the opening weekend of the New Home. The anticipated costs are not to exceed \$1,000.

A change has occurred in the Dell's plans and Malcolm will not be attending. Therefore, Sandy will fly and that will reduce travel to about \$250.

Lodging will be provided in a Rev. David's home.

Discussion on where in the budget this expense will come from. It was requested by the Finance committee that this not come from the New Home fund.

Rev David made the motion to approve \$300 for the expenses of bringing Sandy Dell to Olympia for the opening weekend of the New Home. Laura seconded the motion and the council approved.

Parking for First Service/Open House

Laura

Discussion on parking needs for overflow parking. Rev. David mentioned there is a pre-school about a half mile from the new location with about sixteen spaces and we can make a request to use their parking lot on Sundays. People who have vehicles that hold five people can shuttle people from the overflow parking. It is not a long walk either.

Another option is the Roosevelt school which is about 2.75 miles away. There are several other businesses we could contact as well.

Angelina is the volunteer coordinator; we could ask for a carpool coordinator position to be created.

Upcoming speakers

David

September 25th, Rev. David will be in Phoenix at the New Vision CSL. Rev. Liz Mirante will be our guest speaker.

October 2nd, Sarada Chiruvolu, will be our guest speaker and will offer an afternoon workshop on meditation. Sarada is the author of Home at Last and the books will be available prior to the workshop.

Health & Safety protocols for in-person services

David

Tabled

Council Learning Opportunity

Learning Styles Communication Styles

David

Tabled

Calendar review

8/13 & 27 – Move-in parties

8/15 – Finance Committee meeting

8/20 – Visioning for Prosperity Program

8/21 – Peace meditation

Our September meeting will be at the Libby Road

Parking Lot

Connecting Pledgers event

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Employee handbook

Next meeting – August 22, 2022, on Zoom 6:30pm-8:30pm

Linda gave the closing prayer.

Laura adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel, Scribe