

Center for Spiritual Living  
Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday August 22, 2022 – 6:30 – 8:30  
Zoom ID 647-238-9585

**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, Buffie Finkel, RScP, Lorrie Chase, Laura Farris, Scott Kissel  
Jean Hill-Miller, Beth Thompson

Practitioner: None

Absent: None

Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

The meeting, held on Zoom, was called to order by Buffie Finkel at 6:30 p.m.

An opening prayer was given by Rev. David.

Beth read the Mary Oliver poem “Why I Wake Early.”

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***

Jean made the motion to approve the Aug 8, 2022, minutes as amended in Version 3. Rev. David seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the council. Buffie abstained from the vote as she did not attend the Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ***Approval of financials – David & Jean***

For July, we operated at 89% of total budgeted income for the month and pledges are coming in at 97% of the pledged amount.

Total Equity & Liability (from Balance sheet) is \$152,307.

Total Income - \$12,473 which is 89% of the YTD budget.

Total Expenses - \$14,701 which is 75% of budget expenses.

Investments grew from \$61,135 in June to \$76,041 this month.

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July Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
-\$1,628	\$5374	\$76,041

Rev. David made a motion to approve the July 2022 financial report. Jean seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Council. Lorrie abstained from voting.

## Resource Report (People & Money)

### *Update on Libby Road*

*Buffie*

Buffie provided an update on Libby Road.

- The jet pump has been replaced. Thank you, Denny, and Mark, for your work on the pump.
- Exterior railing has been installed.
- The port-a-potty and dumpster will be moved off the site in another week.
- The parking lot needs to be striped.
- Getting an estimate for gravel to add on the west side of the building.
- Planters will be added to the sides of the steps.

### *Rental agreement*

*David/Laura*

Buffie recused herself from this part of the conversation.

A redlined version of the rental agreement was sent to the Council for review.

Rev. David called for questions from the council.

- Laura commented that she was comfortable with the 5% increase per year. There was discussion on a cost-of-living increase as opposed to 5%. The partners have been generous in their work and the 5% is reasonable.
- Is this an annual contract? Yes.
- Did the attorney have any questions? The security deposit of \$1500 would be standard for rental housing but not business rentals.
- What rent are we paying in August? \$1,000, for moving into the building early. On the first of September, the rent is \$2,000/month.

Rev David made the motion that the contract be forwarded to the Libby Road partners to make it final. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Council. Buffie abstained from the vote.

## Mobilizing Our Mission

### *Visioning/ Fall Program Team*

We are having a powerful launch to our 2023 giving campaign.

There are 5-6 people on the launch committee. They are meeting Wednesday afternoon. Rev. David and Buffie will attend.

Ideas from other launches

- Pick a table host(s) and they will report each week
- Pick a theme and images to be used.
- Examples of images for meeting our funding goal (lighthouse, thermometer, tree with leaves)
- Pledge dinner
- \$1500 budget for the fall program
- Bring everyone's awareness to the health and thriving of this community

We are stepping into ownership of this vision.

## **Decisions to be Made**

### ***Carpool /Parking coordinator***

Reverend David contacted Friendly Grove pre-school regarding using their parking lot on Sundays. The director is fine with the plan and will check with their higher ups.

Roosevelt school is 2.8 miles from CSL-Olympia. The Little Theater is close to our location.

We could have 1-2 people use their personal high-capacity vehicles to shuttle people from the preschool or Roosevelt school to our lot.

- Laura is willing to do either Sept 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lorrie suggested putting addresses in the GPS maps. Lorrie will hold the space of the parking/shuttle coordinator.

### ***Sept 25 Visiting Minister Coordination***

Rev. Liz Mirante will speak on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Details about the flow of service and roles will be worked out at the Practitioner meeting.

### ***Upcoming Council Position Vacancy***

Scott is leaving Council in mid-September. We will put the Council position vacancy in the eNews and announcements.

### ***Camera Operator Plan***

Shani is checking for someone to do the camera work.

Buffie will see if her son can take some pictures at the opening party on the 17th.

### ***Personal Health and Safety Precautions***

***Rev. David***

Everyone is expected to take responsibility for their own health and safety. Wearing a mask is a personal choice now.

We may decide to not hold hands for the closing circle.

### **Council Learning Opportunity**

#### ***Intro to learning & communication styles/DISC***

***David***

Rev. David provided a link to the DISC personality test. Council will take the DISC test. We will learn about each other and our communication styles and how to interact more effectively.

### **Things to add to the calendar**

#### ***Evaluations***

***Laura***

Laura wants to have staff evaluations in September to allow enough time for contracts.

We may do Council evaluations.

A question was raised about member evaluations of the minister. Buffie offered that the Board Chairs Academy has information on minister evaluations. Laura will not have the time available this year to start a congregation-wide evaluation this year. There were no volunteers to take this activity on.

### **Calendar review**

- 8/27 Move-in continues
- 8/29 Practitioner meeting
- 9/3 Moving in Party?
- 9/7 Powering Your Decisions class begins

### **Parking Lot**

Connecting Pledgers event  
Legacy Circle, Benevolence Fund  
Policy & Procedure changes/updates Include an employee handbook  
Promotion Team (added to Parking Lot tonight)

Next meeting – **Tuesday**, Sept 6, 2022, at Libby Road

Rev. David gave the closing prayer.

Buffie adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Merkel, Scribe