

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6th, 2023
6:30pm – 8:30pm
CSL 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, Buffie Finkel, RScP, Lorrie Chase, Laura Farris, Teri Echterling, Marlisa Johnson
Practitioner: Susan Einhorn, RScP
Absent: Beth Thompson
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

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

An opening prayer was given by Rev David.

Buffie read Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation for March 5th - Pilgrimage.

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

Rev David motioned to approve the February 6th and February 23rd, 2023; minutes as amended. Lorrie seconded the motion, and it was carried by the council. Teri was not present to vote.

Resource Report (People & Money)

Sabbatical Tasks and Jobs Calendar

Teri, Buffie, David

This section was postponed until after the scheduled break in the meeting, to allow Teri to arrive from an earlier meeting.

Rev David has a speaker for May 7th, Rev. Karen Cleveland, from CSL Seattle who will also provide an Animal Intuitive workshop on May 7th

Rev. Andy Anderson will provide a concert on April 23rd.

ACTION ITEMS: Put these events in Enews and put the concert in the April Newsletter and the Class in the May Newsletter.

Laura volunteered to edit the May Newsletter between the 19th and 26th of April. Rev. David will be editing the April Newsletter and will be back in time to edit the June newsletter.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Update on Rental Packets

Buffie, Tiffany

Several different rental examples were looked at by Tiffany and Buffie.

Discussion of the member rental packet document: A copy of the document is attached at the end of the minutes.

Suggestion for addition: Don't touch the horses.

Include a map of parking with clear indication of where you can and cannot park.

#5 suggested change to No Smoking (or vaping) or illegal drugs. Discussion on if Alcohol is permitted or not. Weddings and dinner rentals may want alcohol. Decision: alcohol will be permitted, and the renter will be responsible for getting the appropriate permit for their event, if needed. We will need an understanding of the types of permits required by the liquor control board and if a designated and licensed server is needed.

Additional parking may be available for an additional cost. This refers to Sequoia parking that would be an additional cost. The decision was that the price would be listed, and the Center will do the negotiation with Sequoia.

#11 Use of stage. Discussion: We don't want to move the decorations and musical equipment. Stages are used in weddings, and it was used at the funeral that was held here. It may be a case-by-case situation, that is discussed when the renter walks through the facilities. There may be an additional charge to move equipment off the stage.

Only our staff can run the Audio/Video equipment. The staff will be available for a fee. The rate listed is \$75 flat fee for first 2 hours (2 hour minimum) and \$35/hr. for additional hours.

Combine #4 and #5 from the agreement for smoking and drugs.

Combine #3 and #6 from the agreement. Do we need the section on language and conduct as part of the packet? #3 is the person who holds the function. #6 refers to the attendees. This will be the host's responsibility.

Teri joined the meeting.

#13 This will be rephrased to include a walk-through with the facility closer.

Cancellation 24 hrs. before the event may forfeit a set fee deposit. Alternately we may want to use a percentage of the event cost as the deposit amount. The fee schedule on this document lists a \$50 deposit.

The fee schedule is more placeholder until fee amounts may be decided on.

The \$10 for custodian fee listed on the document contradicts the \$100 fee required for cleaning the facility after use.

Discussion of the deluxe and basic (member) package. The decision was to have one fee schedule listing everything and members would get a percentage off the listed prices.

A fee schedule needs to be developed.

Would we want to allow use of Center dishware or require renter to provide their own or paper? Dishware will be listed on the fee schedule.

The minister fee will be negotiated with the minister, and it is not part of the rental agreement. The rental marketing packet will have contact information for the minister.

Refundable security deposit. The security deposit could be applied to the cost of the event instead of refunded. It was suggested that a security deposit be required and refunded after the event in case damage was discovered a few days after the event ended.

Would everyone be required to pay the security deposit? There is the phrase that the Center has the right to waive any and all fees.

Tiffany will look at Unity of Seattle's rental information on their new building.

Visioning follow-through plans

Buffie

Visioning calls out what we are releasing and what we are embracing.

We could do a meditation or workshop on these. There will be a communal and personal aspect to this work. June/July would be a good time for a workshop.

Rev. David is reading "Four Pivots" on social justice and suggested this as a sacred Circle selection.

TCTV

The question was posed if we want to pursue getting our Sunday talks on TCTV. This was discussed prior to Covid.

We are already making the talks available on YouTube. Shani is editing these videos.

Shani would have to learn the video format TCTV uses to put talks on their station, and this would require more of their time, which is an additional cost to the Center.

What would be the return value of doing this? How big is TCTV viewership?

The Council decided not to pursue TCTV since we are already on YouTube.

Decisions to be Made

Final Annual Meeting Agenda

Rev David has the PowerPoint for the annual meeting almost finished.

We don't have anyone stepping up for council yet.

Agenda:

President's Report

Minister's Report

Financial Report

Questions

Add a spot for Adrienne to the agenda.

Ask people to sign up to help with the Open House on June 10th. This will be on the looking forward slide.

Holistic fair will be added to the looking forward slide.

A potluck will be held in the fellowship hall where tables and chairs will be set up.

Council Learning Opportunity

Insights from Vista

Rev David Alexander from Atlanta had a conversation with Rev. Sheila (President of the African American New Thought Organization from the Universal Foundation for Better Living).

Rev. David (ours) encouraged viewing the videos from the conference.

The World Parliament of Religions accepted five New Thought presentations.

Suggestion: We should have a booth at the Pride fair.

Future Council Meeting Dates

March 20

April 3/17

May 8/22

Calendar review

3/12 Annual Meeting

3/13 David's birthday!

3/13 Finance Committee

3/18 Women's Circle

3/19 World Peace meditation

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Employee handbook?

Minister's Retirement benefits

Next meeting – March 20, 2023, 6:30pm-8:30 pm by Zoom.

Rev David gave the closing prayer.

Buffie adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Merkel, Scribe