

Center for Spiritual Living  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday May 23, 2023 – 6:30 – 8:30  
CSL Olympia, Libby Road  
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: Buffie Finkel, RScP, Angelina O'Connor, Laura Farris, Teri Echterling, Kathy Gilliam, Beth Thompson, Rev. David Robinson  
Practitioner: Susan Einhorn  
Absent: None  
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

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

Susan Einhorn gave the opening prayer.

Rev. David read from Leonard Jacobson's Embracing the Present.

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***

Laura made the motion to approve the May 9th minutes as they have been amended in Version 3. Buffie seconded the motion. The council voted to approve the minutes as amended. Rev David abstained from the vote as he was not present at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### ***Approval of Financials***

***Buffie/ Rev David***

The Council reviewed the March and April Financials.

There were three unexpected expenses that occurred in the last two months; the repair to the parking lot (\$4,000+), The EIDL Loan interest (\$1600), and additional education fund expenses for the minister (\$1,610) to cover the cost of two events – Grief Facilitator training (\$495) and to attend this year's SOAR retreat (\$1,115).

The checkbook was stolen from the bookkeeper's car and a police report was made. A check was written against the Center's account for a little over \$200. The police report was provided to the bank and we anticipate the funds will be returned to the Center's account.

Discussion about not allowing any checks or other possible information that would compromise the Center to be left in cars.

March 2023

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia 3/31/2023		
March Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
14,178.44	-2,410.44	\$104,784.04

April 2023

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia 4/30/2023		
April Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
\$16,326.02	-6,770.16	\$105,093.95

Angelina made the motion to approve the March and April financial reports. Kathy seconded the motion. The council approved the financial reports.

Buffie asked if there was \$100 budgeted for the Safety team. Ideally this will be used for training. This topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## Mobilizing Our Mission

### *Community Meeting Debrief*

*All*

Youth and Family program will be put on the agenda for each Community meeting.

Childcare for one hour could be offered for Community meetings.

At the Community Meeting, Adrienne requested that there be a way to do sign-ups for volunteers online.

Tiffany suggested using free polling applications for doing signups. A link could be provided on the website and people could sign up for a date and time. We could also send reminders.

Discussion of how people would navigate doing this. Tiffany offered to do a step-by step guide with screen shots.

***Member's Letter to Council******All***

Discussion of a member's letter to council. Additional prayer from Susan Einhorn. Teri will write a response to the letter and share it with Council.

***Newsletter******Laura/Rev. David***

Editing support for the newsletter was discussed.

***Council Retreat Agenda******Teri***

Do Intentions and Values in addition to Visioning.

Buffie and Rev. David will present Spiral Dynamics to the council in the morning.

Bring your own lunch. Kathy is hosting, and will have a salad to share.

***Reunion/Open House Update******Angelina & Kathy***

A date has been set to pick up food from Costco.

The sign-up sheets for food and volunteers will be brought into the Sunday service and discussed during announcements. Announcements will include requests for volunteers.

Suggestion to have printed copies of the newsletter through history available at the Reunion/Celebration and to thank Karyn for all her work on newsletters.

Tiffany asked if there was a message that the planning committee would like to go out to the people that have been replying with regrets. Nothing has been developed by the planning committee for a response.

***Activities for members proposal******Teri***

Postpone due to meeting running late.

***Printing Directories******Laura***

We have no budget for printing. We will print a handful of directories.

Tiffany is making two forms of the directory. One is the booklet style and the other is a simple printed page which will also have larger type.

***Groundskeeping******Beth***

The contract will be updated to include taking the green (yard waste) bins to the curb for pick-up.

### ***Rental Contracts***

The rental form should be online, even if it is just a PDF.

Brought up idea of possible classroom rentals. Adrienne will need to be involved in this discussion.

Teri mentioned that the paperwork has a place for the senior minister to sign the contract. Teri signed a contract during Rev. David's sabbatical. This can be changed to remove the requirement for the minister to sign.

The criteria for rentals are needed. We also need criteria for what type of events we will host or sponsor.

### ***Street Sign update***

***Buffie***

The street sign will not be ready for the Reunion/Celebration.

### ***Holistic Fair***

***Teri and Tiffany***

The next meeting for the Holistic fair planning will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> after Sunday services. Kathy will be our closer due to the meeting running until about 1:30 pm.

**Next meeting June 6, 2023, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

### **Parking Lot**

Connecting Pledgers event

Legacy Circle, Benevolence Fund

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

    Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

How to store name badges for the people to use on Sundays

Financial Audit

Susan gave the closing prayer.

Teri adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Merkel, Scribe