

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, 6:30pm– 8:30pm
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: Angelina O'Connor, Laura Farris, Buffie Finkel, RScP, Rev. David Robinson, Kathy Gilliam
Practitioner: none
Absent: Teri Echterling
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

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

Rev. David gave the opening prayer.

Angelina did a reading from Mark Nepo's "7,000 Ways to Listen."

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

The October 10th Council meeting minutes, version 5, were approved online.

Buffie made the motion to approve the October 24th version 3, Council meeting minutes. Angelina seconded the motion. The Council members present approved the minutes.

Vote for President (January – March)

Kathy nominated Angelina to serve as president from January-March 2024. Buffie seconded the motion. The Council members present approved.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Groundskeeping

Buffie/others

Discussion about support for the groundskeeper. Ideas that have been put forward are asking if the men's group is interested in taking on this as a project. Buffie had talked to Luke about this idea. Other people outside the men's groups may be interested in doing groundskeeping support. This will be put in the announcements.

Added discussion about Custodial deep cleaning work. There are things outside normal routing weekly cleaning that need to be done.

Discussion produced ideas of creating a deep clean list and asking the custodian to do two items from the list each week in addition to the regular cleaning. Idea of asking the women's group or a volunteer service team to do the deep clean list twice a year.

Sharing Gratitude

Buffie

This topic was put on the agenda to see if there was anything else that needed to be discussed after the last Council meeting. No further discussion was needed.

Year-long Calendar

Buffie

Buffie is putting together a yearly calendar to have on display in the Center. This will help with planning long term events and also help people plan for taking classes.

Discussion of the idea of doing fewer of the 8–10-week classes that are 3 hours a night. Rev David reminded us that those classes are often the classes that are required for practitioner studies and have a 30-hour required curriculum. Rev. David has already scheduled classes and retreats for 2024 on the Events Calendar.

The calendar can be reviewed holistically with the new Council and they may even want to change the day/time of the Council meetings.

The Holistic Fair and the Pizza and Participation can be put on the calendar.

The Leadership Convention is Feb 19-22, 2024, in Charleston, S.C. Rev David does not plan to attend in person due to the cost.

The month of October is when the prosperity campaign is scheduled.

The Northwest New Thought Conference is also in October, but the date has not been determined as scheduling is done around the University of Oregon football games.

Celebration Luncheon

Kathy/Buffie

Angelina shared the update in planning the Celebration luncheon.

Discussion of picking up the food from Bayview Catering, what desserts are being brought and who will bring or make these desserts, along with other items that will be needed for the day of the event, and the duties for set-up of the room the Saturday before.

The Hospitality Team will make extra coffee and leave it set up after service so it will be ready for the luncheon.

Discussion of having each of the Council members act as host at a table. The table host would facilitate discussion on “What am I grateful for about the Center?”

Rev David will design the invitation which will be sent tomorrow.

Using kitchen at events other than Sunday

Angelina

Angelina was informed that there was a mess left in the kitchen after the Saturday morning workshop. Discussion about how each other’s idea of clean may be different.

The Custodian does come to clean for Sunday service on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Solstice Celebration

Angelina

There was a request from the people doing the Dances of Universal Peace to have a Solstice celebration. Discussion that Unity usually holds a Solstice event. Unity does not have their own building this year and that might impact their plans.

ACTION ITEM: Rev David will ask Rev. Terry from Unity if they are planning a Solstice event this year.

Pathway to Council

Buffie

We want to develop a pathway to serving on Council. We will encourage people to get involved in volunteering and leading a committee to engage them with the activities of the Center as a starting place.

A flyer could be made or there could be short meeting after service. It was brought up that this would be a topic that we could have for the Community Meeting.

It was mentioned we need a Nominating Committee. This will be a topic for the next meeting.

Holiday Open House

Angelina

Angelina has had no measurable interest in holding an Open House on Dec 4th. This is something we could revisit for scheduling in the spring.

A suggestion was a Valentine’s Open House with the theme “Love your Neighbors.”

Marketing Team Visioning

Angelina

The Marketing Team visioning will be held on Nov 8th at 7pm on Zoom.

Benevolent Fund

Angelina

Marlisa has been contacted and she will set up the Benevolent fund.

Calendar review

11/12 Celebration Luncheon
11/15 Mystical Poetry and Prose – Christian Mystics
11/18 Women’s Circle
11/19 Dances of Universal Peace
11/30 Deadline for reviewing employee and contract agreements

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates – ***Update - Rev. David and Buffie will work together on the P&P.***

Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Financial Audit

Next meeting November 21, 2023, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Re David provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.