

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 22, 2023 – 6:30 pm– 8:30 pm
CSL Olympia 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, Teri Echterling, Kathy Gilliam, Rev. David Robinson, Laura Farris,
Buffie Finkel, RScP
Practitioner: Susan Einhorn, RScP
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.

Buffie read from the Das Energi by Paul Williams.

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 made a motion to approve the August 1, 2023, minutes version 3. Laura seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Council. Buffie abstained from the vote as she did not attend the meeting.

Approval of Financials

Rev. David

Rev. David led the review of the June financial report.

Pledged income is 91% of the projected budget.

The investment account increased by a little over \$12,000 this month.

The Administrative assistant will go to a fixed rate instead of an hourly rate. The fixed rate will be the equivalent of 5 hrs./week pay. The contract will be adjusted to reflect this. Laura will send the contract to Rev David for revision.

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July Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
-5,434.33	-20,393	\$162,599.42

Mobilizing Our Mission

Review Bubble Chart/Responsibilities

All

Laura stepped down from the Legal Liaison role (staff evaluations and contracts.)

Teri, Council president, has been reviewing the organizational chart of duties and it appears that we have become squishy in our duties. Teri suggested that we all look at the chart and review what we do in regards to how that matches the bubble chart.

The organizational chart needs to be updated or a new chart format created with the activities that the Council currently does.

This topic will be picked up in a future meeting after Council has an opportunity to review the organizational chart.

Elect Secretary

Teri will contact Beth about her request to phase out of Council. There was some confusion about whether Beth intended to step down immediately or to phase out over time while a new member could be recruited.

A new secretary will not be elected tonight.

Building Rental Event Needs

Tiffany

We are still learning about how to do building rentals. Kathy shared valuable information with us after the memorial service.

Tiffany shared a general list she created for the rental process. Tiffany should be the primary contact for renters. The list will be distributed to Council for input.

Other items mentioned:

We want to encourage people to pay deposit and rental fees online.

We need to have an administrative fee to pay for a paid staff member to be present at the event or have an Event Host service team of volunteers.

We will offer set-up/take down service for a fee (custodian), or the renter can have their own volunteers set up and take down to our satisfaction.

Purpose of Investments & Savings

Buffie

Buffie posed the question of the purpose of our savings and investment accounts. This will be discussed at a future Council meeting. Rev. David will speak with the donor who began our investment account for their views prior to any Council decision. It will be suggested for discussion on the first meeting of the month when we do not have financials to review.

An example of uses for this money are purchasing another dishwasher. Events using dishes really need to have a second dishwasher available to get the large number of dishes done without doing hand dish washing.

Community Meeting 9/10/23

All

The Community meeting will have the usual business report and a report from Youth and family ministry.

We will also show a video of the 3 speakers from the SOAR 2023 conference.

Laura suggested for a future meeting we start thinking about what our long-term goals are as a community.

Delegates for 2024

Rev. David

CSL Olympia has the opportunity to provide four delegates plus Rev. David for 2024 to vote at the Annual Business meeting for the Centers of Spiritual Living.

The CSL Olympia annual report to Home Office is due soon and we need to name our 2024 delegates.

There are videos distributed from home office about the items/people to be voted on in January. There is a voting period of about 24 hours for delegates to submit votes.

The conference starts on Feb 19th and the business meeting is held early in the conference schedule. Voting will likely occur somewhere around the 20th-21st.

Laura and Kathy would like to be delegates. Buffie will be available if needed.

Rev David will speak to the practitioners regarding their interest in being a delegate.

Stewardship Campaign

Rev. David

The Stewardship campaign (previously referred to as the Prosperity campaign) will kick off in October.

We want people to take ownership in the Center. The word "Stewardship" is more in line with that feeling.

We need two people to be the chairs of the campaign. They will stand-up on Sundays and give the status of the campaign and arrange for members to share about why they are members, and why supporting CSL is important. We could have a newer member and a long-term member be the team of chairs.

In the past, we have had launch parties, at the beginning, and celebration parties at the end of the campaign. Last year it was a kickoff launch party.

Kick off could be Saturday September 30th or Sunday October 1st. After review of the calendar, it was decided that we would do a celebration party at the end.

We could do a soft launch and have a visioning for people to get a theme for the next year.

Council decided that November 12th will be a celebration of our success instead of having the Community meeting.

The visioning for the 2024 campaign theme with current members will be done on Sunday after service on Sunday September 24th.

Google Calendar Demo

Tiffany

Tiffany did a quick demo of accessing the Google calendar by using the URL that is sent in an email to the Council members.

Rev David will forward the *CSLO Usage* calendar to Tiffany. This is the calendar that should be used for events, not the *new building use calendar*. The New Building use calendar that Tiffany created will be deleted. The old Council calendar will also be deleted as the items on it are already on other calendars.

CSLO/Unity Picnic

Angelina

Jennifer and Kathy have arranged to set up tables on Friday between 2-5pm.

Angelina will get plasticware from Barb. Paper plates are in the kitchen.

Suggestion to do a group photo at the picnic.

Calendar review

8/27 CSLO Picnic

9/6 Mindfulness Meditation - First Wednesdays Meditation

Susan Einhorn provided the closing prayer.

Teri adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Include an employee handbook
Retirement plan
Financial Audit