

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 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: Angelina O'Connor, Teri Echterling, Kathy Gilliam, Rev. David Robinson, Laura Farris,
Buffie Finkel, RScP
Practitioner: Tim Robinson, 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.

Rev. David gave the opening prayer.

Teri provided mindfulness activities from the Mindful Kids Activity Cards.

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

Discussion of the minutes and agreement to have them sent out by email so Council members can review the last revisions. The most recent changes will be highlighted and then highlighting will be removed when minutes are approved.

Approval of Financials

Rev. David

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

Discussion was had about the finances.

Angelina made a motion to approve the September financial report. Buffie seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Council.

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia 9/30/2023		
September Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
-\$3,818.86	-\$26,200.41	\$152,106.37

Mobilizing Our Mission

Groundskeeping

Teri/Buffie

Due to a health issue the groundskeeper will adjust their duties and the contract for the groundskeeper will be adjusted.

A suggestion was made to turn our lawn into meadows by selectively growing native plants that don't need to have special care. The curb appeal of meadow space was also mentioned.

Specific tasks were mentioned and discussed as something that a volunteer team may be able to pick up. An announcement will be made starting this coming Sunday to request volunteers.

ACTION ITEM: Teri will contact the groundskeeper to work on the contract.

Sharing Gratitude

Buffie

A gesture that we would like to get back in the practice of doing is sharing gratitude for the people that worked on the Sunday service, altar, and other activities at the end of the service.

Year-long Calendar

Buffie

Buffie would like to get a calendar posted with the activities that are planned for the year ahead. This will give the members an idea of what is going on and we will be able to plan early for important events like the prosperity event.

Sequoia apologized for not getting the gate open for the Swami event, though it was not necessary, due to the attendance. We can go through the other entrance at the front of the house and open the gate ourselves if needed. Sequoia prefers to have a text and a reminder for events.

Sequoia requested the use of folding chairs for her wedding on Dec 21st. We only have 12 folding chairs. Teri left a voice mail for Sequoia to let her know.

Kathy texted Sequoia to confirm that they could use our parking on Thursday night.

Celebration Luncheon

Discussion of plans for the Celebration Luncheon. A caterer will need to have the number of people attending. Council estimated 40 people will attend. An RSVP will be required. Some children will be attending because it is right after service. We will add 5 more to the attendance to accommodate children.

Discussion of caterers: Bayview, Nineva, and ASHHO were mentioned.

ACTION ITEM: Kathy will check on caterers.

We will start setting up for the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after service.

Note: A carpet cleaning should be done after the event.

About \$1275 is the amount budgeted for the event. \$20 a plate is about \$1000 of our budget.

A small presentation is enough entertainment because people will visit with the others they are sitting with.

Change the time to 1:00pm start to allow for set-up.

Path to Council

Buffie

As it was 8:20 pm, this topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Holiday Open House idea

Angelina

Open house to invite people in the community to come to the Center and also have a bazaar or silent auction, or a raffle as a fundraiser for the Center.

Dec 2nd is the date that looked open on the calendar.

Women's circle may be appropriate to involve in this event. Women's circle is scheduled for Nov. 18th.

Decision: Put the information out in announcements and Enews and see what kind of response we get.

Marketing Ideas

Angelina/Buffie

Angelina sent out some information taken from what Sandy provided. We need to have a visioning first. We wanted to get some ideas about what we could accomplish.

Some members have already shown interest in working on marketing. Sandy is the chair of the committee, and Angelina is the local coordinator. (Is this correct? I thought Angelina is the chair.) And Shelley Cline can be on Zoom. Brent has agreed to create videos of things we want to post to social media.

Angelina will email Tiffany with information on the visioning for the marketing team for the announcements.

Benevolent Fund

Angelina

We've discussed having a Benevolence Fund previously. There were several members that had discussed a willingness to contribute to such a fund when we first started discussing it.

This would be a fund that could be for tax deductible donations to support members and others in need. Marlisa would put the structure together. The group would consist of Marlisa, Rev David and one other person.

Rev David made a motion that the Benevolence Fund be moved forward and get the structure created for it. Laura seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved, and the motion was carried.

Giving tree for Christmas

Rev David

Rev David would like us to look into having a giving tree this year for presents for kids in the greater community. The needs of foster children were also mentioned.

It was mentioned that the Women's Circle had decided although they have not announced it yet, they would like to take donations of warm clothing and blankets for the Homeless Services. Interfaith Works is part of Homeless Services.

Calendar Review

- 10/28 Halloween Party
- 11/01 Meditation
- 11/04 SMT Workshop
- 11/05 Rap with the Rev
- 11/12 Celebration Luncheon

Rev. David provided the closing prayer.

Teri adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm Teri will not be attending.

Parking Lot

- Legacy Circle
- Policy & Procedure changes/updates
 - Include an employee handbook
- Retirement plan
- Financial Audit