

Center for Spiritual Living - Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
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, Buffie Finkel, RScP, Rev. David Robinson, Kathy Gilliam
Practitioner: none
Absent: none
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

Buffie made the motion to approve the December 19, 2023, Council meeting minutes as revised by Rev David. Kathy seconded the motion. The Council members present approved the minutes.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Groundskeeping Update

All

The custodian now has a leaf blower and rechargeable battery for leaves and small branches on sidewalks and parking area.

With winter weather, it will be important to make sure the snow is removed, and that Ice Melt is on sidewalks, steps, and ramps.

The Custodian will be able to call Rev. David or Council member liaison to discuss if the snow is too deep or it is too icy for holding services.

With winds there are branches that will be down, who will be taking care of these? Discussion on having a person that is bonded doing roof clearing and gutter cleaning. The partners will be discussing the roof cleaning and if they decide not to do this themselves, they may hire out for this service.

Decide meeting date between Council and Partners

Angelina

Partners will be meeting on January 11th.

The Council and Partner's meeting will be on January 23rd at 5:00pm-6:00pm then there will be a 30-minute break for dinner prior to the Council meeting that starts at 6:30pm

Status of Council nominations

All

Kathy requested a list of people that were eligible to be on the Council.

ACTION ITEM: Buffie has a list of eligible people and will distribute it.

The nominating Committee is composed of Laura, Buffie, Kathy, and Rev. David.

Angelina talked to another potential Council member, but that has not panned out.

A full slate of Council members should be sent out to the membership 3-4 weeks before the annual meeting in March.

If there is not a full slate, can nominations from the floor can be entertained? This will be researched in Bylaws.

Pizza and Participation – find a new ‘champion’ or new date

All

Jenn is not available and cannot be lead for this event.

Buffie will take lead for the Pizza and Participation for Feb.11th.

The Budget for the event is \$400.

Pizza has been purchased from a local pizza restaurant like Old School Pizza. It was mentioned that Vic's has a South Bay location now.

Discussion of how to demonstrate the number of people that are volunteering time and service to the center.

Following that, community members can have conversations with the service team leads about what each volunteer position entails and sign-up for the positions that fit their talents and interests.

Publicly thanking people for their service

All

Discussion of recognizing the Council members, volunteers, and service team leads that have concluded their positions/responsibilities. This will happen at the annual meeting

Discussion on the type of recognition that would be given for the different positions.

Council members will receive a plant and thank you card.

Denny has done Sunday service slides for at least 12 years and Carol has led Compassionate Care for a long time

There will also be a written or frameable recognition document.

Caroline Fenn is stepping down from Prosperity Stewards.

Things that need to be done

All

Kathy will get the Secretary boxes from Beth.

Tiffany will bring in the file box and misc. office supplies that transitioned to her when she took over the administrative assistant role.

Rev. David will purchase a "Service animals only" sticker for the front door.

Tiffany will ask Sandy to add a note to the online FAQs that no pets are allowed only service animals.

Potential rentals (Threshold Singers and Senior Yoga class)

Tiffany

Discussion of building rental pricing when members are renting for Memorial services.

Council decided that Memorials would be a \$50 flat fee for the use of the building for members of CSL Olympia. The A/V tech and custodian fees could not be reduced because they are not discretionary costs.

Member rentals for other events can have a 20% reduced fee for room rental and use of dishware. There cannot be a reduction in the A/V tech and custodian fees.

Discussion of hosting other events that benefit the members. Tiffany will follow up with the person that is interested in having senior yoga at the center. The room could be rented with no cleaning fee and no use of the kitchen. More information is needed before a decision is made.

Discussion on having quarterly events that would bring people from the community to the Center such as musical entertainment.

Angelina mentioned the Peace Singers (a branch of the Peace Choir) might be a possible group to book.

Ideas generated for types of entertainment were jazz, blues, bluegrass music, and theater.

This topic will be discussed at the first meeting in February.

Nourishing Our Community (NOC) 2024 discussion- finding a leader/champion

The bidding for events usually begins in March and lasts about 3 weeks.

Kathy will be the Council liaison for this project.

Discussion of potential co-chairs and others that could be approached for working on this project. Christi and Lynn Edele may be interested in being co-chairs. Shelly, Jody, and Stacey may also be interested in working on this project. The Council members divided up the names and will approach these people to see if they are interested in working on this project. A general call for volunteers will also be made to the membership.

Discussion of timeline for planning:

February is the month that we will need to find hosts for NOC events. Tiffany can be the contact for hosts in February.

In March and April there will be three-weeks designated for bidding on the NOC events.

Year-long Calendar

Buffie

Caroline and Lynn Elliott are hosting a Game night at the Center at the end of February.

Winter Weather warnings

Discussion about the expected bad weather and snow/ice conditions expected for the weekend.

A notice will be put in the Enews letting people know to check the website for an update if we need to have a Zoom only service and Community meeting on Sunday.

The website will have a post on the opening page for open/closing the Center due to the weather.

We will need to be prepared to do the Community meeting on Zoom.

Calendar Review

1/13 Ernest at Asilomar – Begins (through February 17)

1/13 Men's Group

1/14 Community Meeting

1/20 Women's Circle

1/21 Dances of Universal Peace

1/21 Ernest Holmes Birthday Party

1/22 Prosperity Plus II – Begins (through April 1)

1/23 Council Meeting

1/28 Practitioner Mini sessions

1/30 Practitioner Meeting

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Employee handbook

Retirement plan
Financial Audit

Next meeting January 23, 2024, from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Rev. David provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.