

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 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, 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.

Tim Robinson gave the opening prayer.

Laura read a passage by Bruce Lee.

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 a motion to approve the September 5, 2023, minutes version 3. Angelina seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Council. Kathy abstained from the vote as she did not attend the September 5th meeting.

Approval of Financials

Rev. David

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

Pledged income is 91% of the projected budget.

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia 8/31/2023		
August Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value

-\$1,989.17	-\$22,381.55	\$162,599.42
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Buffie made a motion to approve the August financial report. Teri seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Council.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Swami Beyondananda

Rev. David

The event with Swami Beyondananda is on October 20th. Tickets are \$20. The fee for the Swami is a \$500 guarantee or 70% of ticket sales. We would need to sell 25 tickets to break even.

We may need to use overflow parking if it has been raining and our field is too wet to park on. This would mean we need volunteers for a parking attendant and shuttle driver.

Discussion of limited parking and we will ask people to car pool. This can be also on the website with the ticket information.

When we advertise this event to the public, we should mention limited tickets are available.

We will need an event manager and a request will go out in the announcements.

'Bubble' Chart Review

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This topic was postponed until next meeting so that we could spend more time on the Stewardship campaign. Angelina has worked on a new chart. Kathy wants to have a more active role in the Council. Angelina suggested that Kathy look at the new chart that was sent out and find what makes her heart sing.

Stewardship Campaign

Rev. David

The Prosperity campaign (previously referred to as the Pledge Drive) will kick off in October. The visioning meeting for the campaign is September 24th. This visioning will give us our theme.

The last three talks of October will be prosperity talks. The first week is about paradox. The second week our guest speaker is Brian Lottman, a traveling monk.

Discussion of possible hosts for the stewardship campaign. Also, the question was raised if a host is even needed.

The treasurer can run the fund drive and there could be 3-5 families asked to give testimony of why they support the Center. Rev. David could give the update each week with the thermometer or whatever graphic we use to gauge the progress to our goal.

Buffie will coordinate to have the four families that purchased the Center for CSL to use give testimony about why they were called to step forward to support the Center.

Greg and Adrienne could be the speakers for the fifth Sunday, which is also the Sunday that youth take part in the talk. They contribute time and can speak to the younger members at the Center.

We need people to step up to be investors not just attendees at the Center. People tend to make this step as they start living the principles.

The Stewardship campaign celebration dinner will be on Nov.12th.

Council will be meeting after the visioning on the 24th to make a few plans.

Postponing Holistic Fair

Teri & Tiffany

There were several factors that lead to the postponement of the Holistic fair.

- A vendor made the request for a \$50 fee instead of \$100.
- Another fair was scheduled the week before our fair. That fair was downtown during the Arts Walk and they were only charging \$50 to vendors.
- A committee member made the suggestion to postpone the fair until after the new year.
- A postponement would allow more time to build a better fair. We could select a time when there are fewer competing events both at the Center and in the community.

We contacted 32 legacy vendors, 24 new local vendors, and Teri personally spoke to vendors at the Ocean Shores Fair. We had a minimum of 62 people that were contacted regarding being a vendor.

We had 3 vendors committed at the time of postponement. Buffie had two additional vendors ready to commit. Tiffany had an additional 3 vendors express interest since the decision was made to postpone.

No vendors were from our CSL community.

Twenty vendors are what was decided was the capacity for the Center.

The committee membership suggested January as the new time for the Fair. Tiffany suggested that Spring might be better since people will have attended all types of events through the holidays.

There was a discussion and concern about postponing events. The Council is grateful to Tim for his support during that discussion.

Calendar review

9/20 Mystic Writings

9/24 Stewardship Visioning
10/8 Kirtan w/Brian Lottman
10/10 Compassionate Care
10/20 Swami Beyondananda
10/21 Women's Circle
10/22 Dances for Universal Peace
10/28 Halloween party

Tim Robinson provided the closing prayer.

Teri adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

Next meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:30-8:30 pm

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

 Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Financial Audit