

Center for Spiritual Living - Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 6, 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: Susan Einhorn  
Absent: none  
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

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

Susan Einhorn gave the opening prayer.

Rev David did a reading from Genevieve Behrend from the "Prosperity Plus" course.

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 January 23, 2024, Council meeting minutes as revised in version 5. Angelina seconded the motion. The Council members approved the minutes.

### *Approval of Financials*

*Rev David*

Rev. David led the review of the December 2023/End of Year financial report.

Pledged income was 90.4% of the projected budget for the year.

The investment account increased by a little over \$24,000 in the last week and is at \$225,000. This is not reflected in the amount shown for 12/31/2023.

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia		12/31/2023
December Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
-\$1454.50	-24,919.18	\$168,641.45

Buffie made the motion to approve the December 2023 financial report. Rev. David seconded the motion. The Council members approved the December 2023 financial report.

Discussion: What might the Center be able to do with the Investment funds. At the moment the plan is to stay the course for the year. We have just completed the first year of being in the new building. We finished -\$24,000 in the red and we want to see if we can reach a balanced budget.

At some point we may begin a capital campaign to buy the building. The idea of doing Matching funds in a capital campaign was mentioned.

CSL was gifted a \$10,000 mutual fund. A thank you from Rev David and Buffie, the CSL treasurer will be sent to the donor.

The Financial Audit is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mobilizing Our Mission**

### ***Nomination Committee Report***

***All***

Discussion of potential Council nominees and the status of interested parties. The nominating committee members divided up a list of names of potential Council members to contact.

### ***Nourishing Our Community (NOC) Status***

***All***

No hosts have signed up yet but we have not publicized the event.

We need a team lead. Carrie and Jody are interested in working on the committee.

Jenn is happy to help with the committee and has documents that she has created that can be modified. Kathy has received these documents and will share them with Tiffany. Tiffany will put them on the Google drive.

We need to do in-house marketing. We will start publicizing the event in the announcements and Enews. We can get some posterboard to post ideas for events from what previous hosts have done.

Possible hosts:           Jody and Craig - BBQ.  
                                  Buffie – Mother's Day Tea, Rhododendron walk  
                                  Rev. David - Salmon Dinner  
                                  Ram – Indian dinner

Tiffany and the Office email will be the contact for potential hosts. Tiffany volunteered to be on the committee.

### ***Pizza and Participation –***

***All***

Discussion about the event set-up. We don't have enough little tables for each team to have a table. We can bring out some long tables for the sign-up sheets for each team. Angelina has all the old forms. There are new service teams too. We need an events team and we need additional help on the membership team.

An idea was to ring a bell for every sign-up. Volunteers would receive a ticket for a slice of pizza for volunteering.

At the end of service prior to the sign-up, Buffie or Angelina will ask for a show of hands or stepping forward, so the community can see how many people are volunteering for service teams. There will be a discussion about conscious recommitment. People that are on the teams will be asked to sign-up again.

### ***CSL Leadership Conference***

***Rev David***

The Conference is Feb 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Delegates will have received an email regarding voting. The voting is usually held for a 24-hour period on Tues-Wednesday.

Rev David will host a viewing party at the Center of the conference sessions at the Center on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6:30pm. This will be put in the announcements and Enews.

### ***CSL Olympia Monthly Newsletter***

***Angelina***

There is space in the monthly newsletter now for a new article because Heidi is stepping away from doing the interviews. Buffie agreed to write about what it takes to become a Practitioner.

### ***Annual Meeting – March 10<sup>th</sup>***

Tiffany and Angelina will ask for a membership list from Marlisa for the annual meeting.

Discussion of how to count votes of members only for the annual meeting. Angelina has some bright coral paper that we can give to members to raise when voting, this will make counting votes easier.

Ask members to recommit to membership.

Rev. David would like to have a presentation of 5-year and 15-year Practitioner pins.

### ***Announcing Nominees***

***Angelina***

Nominees must be announced before Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

Announcement of nominees can be done in the Enews.

### ***Annual Meeting agenda from Angelina.***

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Rev David</b>	<b>1:00</b>
<b>President's Report</b> What we've done this year	<b>Angelina</b>	
<b>Minister's Report</b>	<b>Rev. David</b>	
Presentation of Practitioner Pins		
<b>Youth and Family Director's Report</b>	<b>Adrienne</b>	
<b>Financial Report</b> How we stand financially	<b>Buffie</b>	
Purchasing our building from the Partners		
<b>Questions</b>	<b>Angelina</b>	
<b>Council elections</b>	<b>Angelina</b>	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Rev. David</b>	<b>2:30</b>

***Public Thanking of People for their Service to CSL Olympia All***

Council finalized their plans for small gifts and thank you cards for people that were on Council, served long-term in a team coordinator or service role.

***Yoga Classes Tiffany***

Carol Ramstack had previously taught yoga at Unity. Tiffany has been working with her to start teaching classes at CSL.

Discussion of the rental fee and marketing.

The decision is to allow Carol to rent the Fellowship Hall for a flat fee amount. The class will be mentioned once a month in the Enews, can be listed on the events calendar, and have a flyer on the bulletin board. There will be a three-month trial commitment for this class. The agreement will be reviewed at that time to see if fees need to be increased, or other fees assessed.

**Calendar Review**

- 2/10 Men's Group
- 2/11 Pizza and Participation
- 2/13 Finance Team meeting
- 2/17 Women's Circle
- 2/18 Dances of Universal Peace
- 2/20 Council Meeting with financial review
- 2/24 Game Night
- 2/27 Practitioner Meeting

**Parking Lot**

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Employee handbook

Retirement plan

~~Financial Audit~~

**Next meeting March 5, 2024, from 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Susan Einhorn provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.