

Center for Spiritual Living - Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 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
Practitioner: Susan Einhorn
Absent: Kathy Gilliam
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.

Angelina did a reading from the "Stained Glass Spirit" by Tracy Brown. She selected to read "Diversity
Brings Conflict and Transformation," from the chapter "Hard Truths for Team Leaders."

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 the motion to approve the February 20, 2024, Council meeting minutes as revised in
version 3. Angelina seconded the motion. The Council members approved the minutes.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Annual Meeting

Annual Community Meeting Agenda
Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 1:00 – 2:30
CSL Olympia, Libby Road

Community Pot-luck		12:15
Opening Prayer	Rev. David	1:00
Minister's and President's Report	Rev David	

Spiritual vision Award Practitioner Pins		
President's Report Upcoming plans, What we've done this year	Angelina	
Youth and Family Director's Report?	Adrienne-Ocean	
	Rev. David will contact Ocean	
Financial Report How we stand financially	Buffie & Marlisa (Marlisa available for questions)	
Discussion: becoming owners not tenants	Buffie & Denny	
Volunteer Appreciation	Angelina and Rev. David	
Questions regarding reports		
Council elections – by Acclamation	Angelina Laura (Nominating Committee)	
Questions Move Questions to before elections	Angelina	
Closing Prayer	Rev. David	2:30

Potluck Planning

All

Who setting set-up of tables. Discussion and decision to set-up Saturday afternoon when Buffie works on the altar at 2pm. Angelina will assist.

Annual meeting and potluck will be in the Enews on Wednesday
Send a reminder email about the Potluck on Friday morning.

Voting for New Council Members – what's the process

Members will pick up a piece of coral paper that has their name on it at the table by the door of the Sanctuary. During the election, Tiffany will count the members voting yes, when they raise the coral paper. Tiffany will have a members list to compare to at the election. Tiffany will also put the Zoom meeting on her laptop and count votes from the online attendees.

Volunteer Recognition - gifts and cards.

Kathy was getting the flowers and cards.

Since Kathy is out of town for family, did she already purchase these. If not, they can be purchased before the annual meeting.

Buffie will check on the gifts and cards.

Plant/flowers with card to former Council members: Laura, Teri, Beth

and three retiring Team Leads: Caroline (Prosperity Stewards); Bob (Announcers); Karyn (hospitality)
Kautzmans – Volunteers of the Year will be given a gift card.

New Council Members

All

Council members reviewed the applications of the prospective Council Members.

Tiffany has conducted the required background checks on two of the applicants. The third will be done when Tiffany receives the information required for the process.

Plan for orientating new members

- Make sure Council binders are updated and ready for the new members. Angelina and Buffie will do this.
- Orientation – the binders will need to be reviewed outside of a regular Council meeting. This is usually done in a few hours on a Saturday.
- Discussion of having a longer retreat at someplace like Camp Cedar Ridge. Due to the distance and other factors, Camp Cedar Ridge was ruled out.
- Other options discussed were someplace near Dumas Bay, Pam may be a facilitator.
- The Center will not be sending attendees to the Board Academy this year.

Election of Council Officers – Process

The Council Secretary is the person responsible for facilitating the election of Council officers. Since Kathy will not be present as Council Secretary, Rev. David will conduct the election.

After the election of officers, the list of designated signers at the Bank will need to be updated.

Denny asked that the approved investment members be updated as well. Tiffany was copied on an email from Denny regarding this update.

For the next meeting:

Elect Officers

Get the Orientation with Council binders on the Calendar

Consider looking at retreat. Several options in Seattle were discussed but no decisions were made for the location.

Marketing Team

Upcoming Fairs

- Pride Festival – Booth (not-profit \$160.) June 29-30
- Metaphysical and Wellness (booth \$150?) June 14-16

Both of these events are in June 2024.

What would we need to have success for one or more of those events?

What would we put in a booth? We don't have anything for giveaways, what kind of pamphlet, book mark, business cards would we need? We don't have the people to be able to commit to doing an event like this.

We could see what CSL Seattle does when attending events.

Council decided to set a plan to prepare and do an event next year.

Discussion of getting a Pride Flag to show support during June. Rev. David has seen them available and found one on Amazon for \$22.

A suggestion was that we could also look for other ways in the community to show support like the Stonewall Youth/Pizza Klatch.

Recap Pizza and Participation

Buffie

Buffie feels it went well and people signed up for service teams.

Buffie would like to find a new team leader for the Prosperity Stewards. She is ready to move on from that position.

Grounds and Garden teams didn't have sign-ups so Buffie suggests that they be ad-hoc. For example, someone can say they are interested in replanting flowers in the planters. We can advertise a day and time in the announcements and Enews.

Some of the team leads have already taken their sign-up sheets with them. There are a few sheets still left out for sign-ups.

Tiffany offered to create a Master spreadsheet to have all the Service Teams listed on different tabs and listing leaders and members and contact information.

Status of Yoga Class

Tiffany

There have been six students at each of the classes so far. We had heat on for the second class and it was much better. Students were wearing coats the first class.

Decision on Ester Nicholson as guest speaker/ etc.

All

Rev David shared that there were three people willing to contribute \$100 each. We only need one more person to cover \$100.

Currently Rev. David is looking at scheduling Ester in late June.

There will be a three-hour workshop after Sunday service. The cost is \$40 per person. The topic of the workshop will be forgiveness. Rev. David received a packet of information

Ester will sing and speak at Sunday Service.

Update: Nourishing Our Community 2024

Angelina

Hosts will sign up until March 17th.

Bidding is March 31st-April 14th.

We are going to have at least 10 events.

Tiffany has volunteered to do the mini-posters for each event and a spreadsheet of events.

Rev David has copies of the flyers Jen made for last year's events.

Angelina has copies of the letters that Jen sent last year to the people that didn't have a winning bid.

Heidi and Bob Concert

There were 30 flyers made and only about 10 are remaining.

Rev David has taken the flyer to a few businesses.

Angelina put a notice on JOLT for both the concert and the Spiritual Principles and Practices course.

Snacks/Beverages at Intermission? Who is this doing?

Rev. David will make a COSTCO trip on Friday and purchase crackers and cheese, cookies, candy bars, sparkling water.

We have some sparkling cider at the Center. We will not offer adult beverages.

Spiritual Principles and Practices Class

Do we have any sign-ups? There is at least one sign-up so far.

The flyers for the class are gone, so hopefully they were distributed.

Added topics –

Reminder that an instructions sheet and troubleshooting guide are needed for the TV, Sound, Computer equipment in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. David has volunteered to do this.

Spring Cleaning was rescheduled and Garage Sale will be on May 25th. This can be finalized later.

Gift Policy for the Center still needs to be created.

Calendar Review

3/9 Ernest at Asilomar – Starts and continues for six weeks

3/9 Men's Lunch

3/9 Heidi and Bob Concert

3/10 Annual Community Meeting

3/12 Finance Committee Meeting

3/13 Marketing Team Meeting (Zoom)

3/16 Women's Circle

2/17 Dances of Universal Peace

3/19 Next Council Meeting 4 pm – 6 pm

3/21 Spiritual Principles and Practices (6 weeks)

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates

Employee handbook

Retirement plan

Next meeting March 19, 2024, from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Susan Einhorn provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.