

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19th, 2024
4:00 pm – 6:00pm
CSL 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: Rev. David Robinson, Buffie Finkel, RScP, Angelina O'Connor, Kathy Gilliam,
Cherie Gordon, Susan Strobel, Lynn Elliott
Practitioner: Linda Villages Bremer
Absent: None
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

The meeting, held on Zoom and in-person, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Angelina

Election of Officers

Kathy Gilliam, Secretary, began the official election of officers and designated Rev. David as the person to call for Nominations

PRESIDENT

Rev David, called for the nominations for Core Council President.

Buffie Finkel nominated Angelina O'Connor for the office of President. The motion was seconded by Susan Strobel.

No other nominations were brought forward for the office of President.

Angelina asked that the President and Vice-President positions be discussed. The Vice-President is a supportive role to the President and Angelina can not take on Presidency without a person in the Vice-President role.

Angelina moved that the Vice-President position be nominated first so that she knows she will have assistance if she is to agree to be President.

After the Election of Lynn Elliott as Vice-President, notated in the section for Vice President, Angelina O'Connor accepted the position of Core Council President.
Council members unanimously voted for Angelina O'Connor to assume the office of Core Council President.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Angelina O'Connor, President, called for nominations for Core Council Vice-President.

Rev David nominated Lynn Elliott for the office of Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Angelina O'Connor.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Council unanimously voted for Lynn Elliott to assume the office of Core Council Vice-President.

SECRETARY

Angelina O'Connor, President, called for nominations for Core Council Secretary.

Buffie Finkel nominated Cherie Gordon for the office of Secretary. The motion was seconded by Lynn Elliott.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Council unanimously voted for Cherie Gordon to assume the office of Core Council Secretary.

TREASURER

Angelina O'Connor, President, called for nominations for Core Council Treasurer.

Angelina O'Connor nominated Buffie Finkel for the office of Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Lynn Elliott.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Council unanimously voted for Buffie Finkel to assume the office of Core Council Treasurer.

Susan Strobel and Kathy Gilliam will be members-at-large on the Core Council.

Elections for the 2024-2025 Core Council are concluded.

Record of the election will be prepared by Tiffany Merkel, CSL Olympia Administrative Assistant.

Council members will arrange a time to go to the bank to add Angelina O'Connor as a signer on the bank account. Rev. David, Buffie Finkel, Treasurer, and Angelina O'Connor, President are the officers of the Core Council that have power to sign checks for CSL Olympia.

Scheduling a Council Orientation

Monday, April 8th, 1pm-3pm at the Center.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Approval of Financials

Review of the February 2024 Financial report.

Rev David provided a more in-depth review of the February Financials for the benefit of the new Council Members

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia 2/29/2024		
February Net Income from Operations	Year to Date Net Income from Operations	Ameritrade Investment Value
-\$904.25	\$268.24	\$263,842.77

Buffie made the motion to approve the February financial report. Lynn seconded the motion. The Council members approved the February Financial report.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Discussion/presentation on Breeze software

Rev David

Rev. David provided background on Power Church, the program the Center is currently using for church management and accounting. Breeze is the program that is being considered to replace Power Church. Breeze is used by Unity in Olympia.

Sandy, Marlisa, Adrienne, and Rev. David will be meeting with a representative on Thursday to review the product and ask questions.

Breeze costs more than Power Church but can save money that is currently being spent on Vanco.

Power Church cost is \$39 a month.

Vanco is \$140 a month.

Breeze is \$79 a month and will take the place of Vanco and Power Church.

Discussion/decision on Recommendations for Investments

Buffie

Finance committee has requested that there be a policy developed by Council for how the gift of stock is handled. The Finance Committee wants to be able to sell stocks or other items that are gifted and be able to purchase what we want instead.

People may also donate land or a building to the Center and we want to be able to sell that asset instead of maintaining it.

Denny provided a draft based on Friendly Water's policy. Buffie will send that out again to Council.

A question was asked about gifts that are made for a specific use. An example was discussed; that if someone wanted to gift money to buy a piano. The Center does not have need for a piano and would not accept this gift.

The Finance Committee has also requested that there be a policy be developed to have the bank account and investment account signature cards be updated with the changes in Council members after the elections for Council officers each year.

Buffie recommended a policy to: Update all signature cards and authorizations with all financial and investment institutions with whom CSL Olympia has accounts by the end of April of each year following the election of Core Council members.

Rev David made the motion to approve the policy as stated by Buffie. Angelina seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the Council.

Marketing Team

Angelina

Sandy has requested to talk to Council and wants to suspend the Marketing team until that time. Sandy will be added to the agenda for next meeting.

It was mentioned to the new members that the Council had looked at participating in the following events but does not have the bandwidth this year. The Council would like to discuss later what would be needed to have a successful booth at these events for next year.

Upcoming Fairs in June 2024:

Pride Festival – Booth (non-profit \$160.)

Metaphysical and Wellness (booth \$150)

Decision on Ester Nicholson as guest speaker/ etc.

Rev. David Has sent the contract to the Council and would like to have Council to say whether to move forward or not.

Because Ester charges a larger fee than CSL Olympia provides, several members have added funds to allow CSL Olympia to engage Ester as the musician and speaker for the Sunday Service on June 9th.

Rev David made the motion to hire Ester Nicholson as a guest speaker for Sunday, June 9, 2024 and to meet the agreements of the contract that was sent out. Angelina seconded the motion. The Council voted and passed the motion.

Ester will provide a workshop on the Healing code of Forgiveness at 1pm after the service June 9, 2024. The workshop is about 2.5 hours and costs \$40 per person.

Heidi and Bob Concert

Rev David

Heidi and Bob contacted Rev. David with a reschedule date of April 27th for the concert and April 28th for providing music at the Sunday service.

A question was raised about the cost of Heidi and Bob for the Concert and if they are well known enough to bring people in. Heidi is known in the folk music circles.

Heidi and Bob will be charging \$20 at the door and CSL Olympia gets 15% of the sales. There is no charge to CSLO for their concert. They will be paid as guest musicians on Sunday for the service.

Discussion of marketing for the concert: Heidi has her own email list, Jolt can be contacted, we put it on our website and Facebook, distribute flyers, contact Unity, and Interfaith Works has a website.

Rev. David made the motion that the Council approve Heidi Muller and Bob Webb for doing a folk concert on Saturday April 27, 2024 at the Center. Cherie seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the majority of the Council.

Nourishing Our Community

All

There are 15 events this year. Tiffany has been creating flyers for them. Tiffany will do the description and bid sheets for the events.

How can we accommodate families with children? Discussion of ideas to do a different price for children and/or family groups. A fee for children was mentioned on only one host applications. There are some kid friendly events.

Landscaping/outdoor maintenance

Angelina

Darshan has requested that another battery for the leaf blower be purchased. The current battery does not last more than 15 min of high power which is required to blow leaves and debris from wet pavement.

Angelina will research the cost of the battery and report back to Council on the cost.

Fritz has offered to do lawn mower maintenance.

Calendar Review

3/21 Spiritual Principles and Practices (6 weeks)

3/26 Practitioner Meeting

3/31 – 4/14 NOC bidding

4/7 Rap with the Rev & Bring a Friend Sunday

4/9 Next Council Meeting 4 pm – 6 pm

4/13 Men's Group Meeting
4/14 Efficient Charitable Giving Workshop
4/15 Finance Committee Meeting
4/20 Women's Circle

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Linda did the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Merkel, Scribe