

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – 4:00 – 6:00
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, Lynn Elliott, Susn Strobel, Cherie Gordon.
Practitioner: Susan Einhorn
Absent: none
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

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

Buffie gave the opening prayer.

Angelina provided a reading for the meeting.

Check-In

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 April 23rd, 2024, Council meeting minutes as revised in version 3.1. Rev. David seconded the motion. The Council members approved the minutes.

Mobilizing Our Mission

CSLO 20th Anniversary Celebration April 27, 2025

Rev David and all

We need a committee chair for the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Council discussed ideas about what type of event they want this to be.

- Share pictures from the history of the Center.
- Get invitations out to the larger community, other CSLs and Interfaith Works.
- We can zoom people that live far away into the event.

- Invite neighbors? *Rewatching the video, we clearly discussed opening this to the wider community including the neighbors.*
- Discussion on the difference between an open house and a celebration with a service and food. Council decided they want more than an open house. The idea to be more of a birthday party for the Center.
- Have someone from Home Office or Seattle attend.
- Music and Speakers
- Large cake
- Perhaps a two-day Sat and Sun celebration, so that people that have regular Sunday services can attend on Saturday.

Kathy will contact Sandy to discuss marketing.

Put a request out to the community for Chair(s) at the July Community Meeting.

LimeBerry Fundraiser Update

Angelina

Adrienne contacted the LimeBerry owner. The kids have done something like this before and they were out on the street holding signs to bring people in to the store. There are other food establishments that have similar programs and don't have as many restrictions.

This item is tabled for now.

Discussion/decision on Recommendations for Investments

(hold till after Finance Committee meets) It was proposed that the Finance Committee update the example from Friendly Waters to be appropriate for our use and bring to Council for review.

Deep Cleaning

All

Who to coordinate; how to promote to get Participation, who calling the rug cleaning company?

Buffie is taking on the deep cleaning project which is scheduled for June 23rd for 2 hours after service.

Rugs will be cleaned possibly the following day Monday. Buffie will check on getting a rug cleaning service to commit to the date.

There is a teen workshop the evening of June 23rd. The cleaning will be finished before the teen workshop.

People should bring sack lunch on cleaning day.

Garage Sale Date

All

If the garage sale is held it will be late Summer or Fall. After cleaning out the shed we will have a better idea of what we will have for a garage sale.

Gardening date

Buffie and Kathy

Buffie and Kathy will organize getting participants to plant flowers in the pots outside the Center. They will also work on the altar that day. Tiffany has volunteered.

This will take place on Friday, May 24th, 1-3pm.

Council Liaison for Darshan

Angelina

Darshan does indoor cleaning and yard maintenance. Occasionally he will need supplies.

Susan volunteered to be the Council liaison for Darshan.

Darshan should be told what the budget is for supplies.

Service Team budgets

Buffie

Buffie will let the leads for service teams know what their yearly budget is for 2024.

The Membership flyer

Lynn wants to review the Membership packet because some people have had trouble understanding the process.

Susan Kibbey puts packets together for first time visitors.

People need to staff the “New Here” table on Sundays. It could be one of the greeters

Lynn has interest in working on the brochure and information. Sandy and Tiffany can assist with technology.

Rev. David and Angelina have documents they can share.

Discussion on policy for service teams

Kathy

Which teams can only be filled by CSL members.

Is there a policy about removing people from a team if they aren’t able to fulfill duties on a regular basis.

Discussion on prioritizing a few of the service teams that need leadership and bring this to the July Community meeting. The Greeters and Membership teams are examples.

Class on Membership***Rev David***

Discussion of a welcoming of new members.

Rev David could have a class for new members. Team leads could provide information about the service teams at the class.

Coordinator for “A Better World Day” Event***Angelina***

Brent is handling a lot of the details.

Powered speakers are in the furnace room and this will save \$100. The speakers should be tested.

A basket can be carried around by someone to get donations for the band.

Kathy discussed the roles that the Women’s and Men’s group would play in the celebration for organizing the potluck food and grilling.

Kathy will contact Denny and Carol regarding the participation of the Men’s and Women’s groups in the event.

Rev. David and Cherie will go to Costco. A pie and cake will be purchased, along with the burgers and such.

Rev David will see if the Olympia Seafood store will make a donation.

Tiffany can bring some smoked salmon. Lynn will bring cream cheese

Building Access – who needs it***All***

Denny is getting calls for building access. Do we need to allow access to more people?

We may want to check on who has been requesting access to see if a particular team or person that needs access. The Council will ask Denny to see who is contacting him for entry. No one was specified as the person to contact Denny.

Art in Sanctuary – do we have more info?***All***

A question was raised if we want to have art in the sanctuary during the filming. We might have to get permission for it to be in the video.

The comment was made that the Center should look like it usually does in the video.

The art work can be put up later and publicized.

Rev David will make the contact with the artist.

Buffie will help in developing policy around the selection of art to be shown at the Center (juried process). There will need to be liability waivers for art work displayed.

Rev. David, Buffie and the Altar team could help with the selection of art to show.

There could be an opening reception for the art displays. Decisions can be made after trying one showing to see if we want to continue to display art work.

Paying Sandy for doing newsletter

Rev David

Sandy had been doing the newsletter for her hourly rate. The previous person that did the newsletter was paid \$100.

Rev David made a motion to pay Sandy for the newsletter at her hourly rate \$20/hr. Buffie seconded the motion.

Discussion of if this made the budget more of an unknown regarding the newsletter. Sandy has been coming in around \$100 each month so there should not be much variation. This can be checked in July when the budget is reviewed and adjusted.

Council passed the motion.

Marketing Committee -bookmark or business card

Angelina

The marketing committee wants to know if we want a business card or bookmark.

The business cards were handy for the Welcome team and other members of the Center to hand out to interested people when appropriate.

The Council will need to approve the design.

The Marketing committee can go ahead and work on the business card.

Report on NOC

Tiffany

Angelina has a dollar amount of what has not been paid for NOC and it is still a lot.

Marlisa has been contacting people to pay for NOC events.

Some people have been having emails go into their spam folder. We may need to send the

notices from the office email next year.

There is a list of events with the dates and times on the bulletin board and online.

Calendar Review

5/11 Men's Group Lunch

5/14 Finance Committee Meeting

5/15 Marketing Team Meeting

5/18 Women's Circle

5/19 Dances of Universal Peace

5/21 Next Council Meeting

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Next meeting May 21st, 2024 from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Susan Einhorn provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.