

Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
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, Susan Strobel by phone, Cherie Gordon.
Practitioner: Tim Robinson
Absent: none
Scribe: Tiffany Merkel

The meeting, held on Zoom only due to the heat, was called to order at 4:00p.m. by Angelina.

Tim gave the opening prayer.

Buffie did a reading for the Council members.

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 June 18, 2024, Council meeting minutes as revised in version 4. Lynn seconded the motion. The Council members approved the minutes.

Mobilizing Our Mission

CSL Community Meeting (July 14) Planning Discussion

Angelina and All

Agenda suggestions and approval

Angelina sent out and draft agenda and asked for feedback.

Angelina will contact Adrienne about doing the Youth and Family report.

Lynn requested that we mention the new membership brochure and if anyone has been waiting to become a member, they should let us know.

Buffie suggested this would be a great segue to handing out the heart stickers to members.

Discussion of if there are supplies of stickers or if they need to be purchased. Concluded that Angelina will purchase the heart stickers.

Kathy suggested that we promote the art reception. There will be a 20% commission that CSL will receive for art work that is purchased while it is shown at CSL. The art reception is July 19th from 6-8:00pm.

A brief overview of the activities that are planned for the 20th anniversary event on April 27th, 2025 will be discussed at the community meeting. Either Soni or Michelle from Home Office will attend. Once the Council has determined what committees and tasks are needed, members will be asked to volunteer. Rev. David suggested that a request for anyone that was called to work on anniversary planning should contact Kathy or him.

Clarification regarding the Community Meeting agenda Item for committee chairs and members is in regard to the anniversary event.

Additional discussion around regular service teams

There is a need for committee chairs and committee members for many service teams. People were willing to sign up to participate but not to lead a team. Discussion about calling team members individually and asking for people to take a leadership role.

The lead for service teams generally coordinates the team members' schedule for the activity they have signed up to do.

Lynn suggested we use the term team lead instead of chair. The Council agreed.

It was mentioned that Tiffany or Jenn Howie probably have the lists for the team sign-ups.

Kathy offered to be one of the people to call individuals on the lists and ask them to be a team lead.

Angelina will contact Tiffany regarding the team lists.

Rev David suggested that we don't discuss regular team issues at the Community Meeting. We need time to get the lists and call individuals. The Community meeting discussion of teams should be focused on the Anniversary event.

Kathy will take volunteers names at the Community meeting.

Potluck preparation - Has the Hospitality team been informed of the potluck? Carol knows about it but there was no discussion around the plans.

Everyone can take care of their own potluck dishes. We do need tables set up before the service or on Saturday.

Kathy will call Carol to see if she needs anything regarding the potluck set up.

Kathy, Buffie Cherie, and Angelina will come in at 9:00 am Sunday to set up tables.

**Center for Spiritual Living
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Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 1:00 – 2:30
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Opening Prayer	Rev. David	1:00
Youth and Family Report	Adrienne	
Financial Report	Buffie	
Announcements	Angelina & Rev David	
Pass out heart stickers for members		
20 th Anniversary of CSLD – Save the Date	April 27, 2025	
Plans so far		
need Committee chairs and members of committees (with Kathy and Rev David)		

Schedule Council Member 'on duty' to handle questions about membership

How to identify the Council member 'on-duty'

We will need to take into account on the schedule that Buffie and Angelina have Practitioner duties each month.

Buffie suggested we create a schedule and then if there is a conflict it will be the person's responsibility to find a replacement.

Cherie offered to create the schedule. The schedule will be in order of the person assigned to do readings for the Council Meeting.

Rev David has the schedule for Practitioners and other team members that are actively involved in Sunday serve and will send it to Cherie.

There needs to be a way to identify the Council member on duty each Sunday. Angelina will create a tag with the coral paper that says "Ask Me." The name of the Council member on duty can be added to the announcements and pointed out. The Council member on duty can hang around the "New Here" table and approach new attendees. Greeters should hang around after the service too.

We may need to have a designated "Greeter" tag.

Lynn suggested we develop a job description for greeters. Lynn has been working on a draft of that job description. She also suggests we have a job description for the Council member on duty.

These documents will assist in putting together the policies and procedures manual.

Membership

Lynn

Lynn mentioned that she spoke to a couple that were interested in becoming members. They have been pledging for a few years. Rev. David offered additional information that this couple attended Seattle CSL when he was up there.

Kathy raised a question about letters of membership. When Members moved to a new area, the Presbyterian church provided letters of membership for people that they could take to their new church. Rev. David mentioned that because, unlike the Presbyterian church, CSL's are all individual and it would be almost impossible for us to ask them to provide such letters for departing members. However, the Student ID number for people taking classes could be used to show that the person took a course, and we can see what courses the person has taken.

Someone gave Angelina a letter that was a welcome letter written by a Council member to welcome a new member to the community. She likes this idea of welcome and recognition.

Lynn mentioned that someone shared that another church sent out a letter each month as a thank you and recognition of the pledged money. This letter also explained how the money was being used. Rev David mentioned that we do that as a quarterly letter that thanks the pledger and provides an accounting of the pledge and the year-to-date money that has been donated to that pledge.

Rev David mentioned the “Welcome to the Center” email and the drip emails that are sent over the four weeks when someone signs up for the eNews.

Signing up for eNews is the way we get people’s contact information.

There is a thank you note that the greeters give with personal information for new people to contact.

The greeters and Council Member on duty can encourage people to sign up for eNews.

Cherie mentioned that the slide with contact information is too quickly off the screen for people to take down our contact information. Rev. David will ask the folks doing slides to leave it up a little longer. Rev. David mentioned that there is a new CSLO business card at the “New Here” table and at the table by the front door.

New attendees are offered a gift bag containing an old copy of the Science of Mind magazine, a welcome brochure, some other items and chocolate.

Donation to the CSL Archive Relocation effort

All

Suggestions were made for \$150, \$500 and \$1000.

Discussion regarding what our finances are and if we can wait to decide on an amount until we know more about the finances. CSL Olympia does have funds in savings and investment accounts.

The amount of \$500 is the limit that the Council can spend without going through the Finance committee.

The archives are used by Rev. David for material for Sunday talks.

Rev. David made a motion to donate \$500 to the CSL Archive Relocation Fund. Angelina seconded the motion. All Members approve except for Susan, who had dropped off the phone line.

Discussion regarding the printing of the directory. There was a clarification that we can afford to print the directory. However, the \$50 donation for printing directories was a way to support the booklet format instead of regular single pages.

Rev David will take care of the work for this donation by contacting Denny regarding what budget it will come from and contacting Marlisa regarding payment.

20th Anniversary Celebration – April 27, 2025

All

This will be mentioned at Community Meeting and the volunteers will build a vision for the event.

Musician: Gary Lynn Floyd is confirmed.

Kathy is on the planning committee for the 50th anniversary for Interfaith Works. They have a theme of Deep Roots. Kathy is asking if we have room to plant the 50th anniversary tree. Several members agreed.

Discussion of a Prayer Tree was suggested for the 20th Anniversary. Angelina envisioned a smaller tree with the branches being within reach and something that blossomed in the spring and was visible from the sanctuary windows. Angelina has fabric and people can write their prayers with a fabric marker and tie it to the tree.

Note from Kai

Angelina

A lovely note from a member was shared about music and Rev. David. Discussion regarding music reflecting the membership of our community. A response to Kai will be done and Rev. David will talk to Brent.

Discussion on Jim Coventry Proposal for OneBody

All

Angelina and others could not open the Google documents on Jim's Google drive.

Discussion about if a monthly production was too frequent. Quarterly productions might be better until it took off. The question was asked if we have the bandwidth in Olympia to fill seats each month.

Angelina asked Jim where the actors were coming from. Jim has talked to Playback Theater players to see if they are interested. Angelina added that Jim has many contacts but is waiting to see if CSL is going to host this event before getting things together.

Kathy suggested that we gather the Council and watch a recorded production with him.

Buffie expressed concern that CSL Olympia has no street presence and is not a destination that has drive-bys.

Jim had mentioned that having One Body as a part of CSL Olympia he could do grant applications

Council came to the conclusion that they need more information and will invite Jim to meet with a couple of them to discuss the project with more detail.

Angelina and David will meet with Jim and get more information.

Status of Community Directories

Tiffany

Angelina thought it would be nice to announce its completion at the Community Meeting.

Tiffany had set the timeframe between the 14th and 20th of July. She will be out on vacation July 11-14th and will still plan on getting the directory finished around the 20th. Tiffany request additional pictures from the filming of Brent's video to use in the directory.

Rev. David will request that Brent provide more photos.

Debrief Council Retreat

All

Suggestion that we discuss the items that the Council had agreed to work on in the future.

The facilitator, Rev. Pamelagrace, may have notes from the day. Rev. David will follow up with her.

Angelina has some notes but not at hand. Angelina will miss the next meeting and Buffie will be absent the meeting after that. The debrief will need to occur later.

Angelina on vacation July 23

Buffie volunteered to run the meeting.

Lynn asked if the job description for greeters could be discussed at the next meeting. Lynn will provide the draft to Angelina before Angelina's vacation.

Calendar Review

7/10	Marketing Team Meeting
7/14	CSL Community Meeting
7/16	Finance Committee Meeting
7/21	Dances of Universal Peace
7/23	Next Council Meeting
7/30	Practitioner's Meeting

Parking Lot

Legacy Circle

Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Next meeting July 23rd, 2024 from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Tim Robinson provided the closing prayer.

Angelina adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.