

**Center for Spiritual Living
Council Meeting Minutes
CSL Olympia, Libby Road
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 6:00 – 8:00 pm
In person 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: Kathy Gilliam, Carrie Barrett, Craig Francis
Absent: Susan Strobel (hiatus), Cherie Gordon, Rev. David Robinson (at Conference)
Practitioner: Sandy Dell, RScP
Scribe: Criag Francis

The meeting was to be held in-person and on Zoom. Due to difficulties with Zoom, all parties that were attending by Zoom were not able to participate. Carrie called the Zoom portion of the meeting off at 6:45pm. At that time only Kathy, Carrie and Craig who were present at CSL Olympia continued the meeting.

Seeing as only three out of six council members were present, there was a discussion about whether there was a quorum. The center of this consideration was whether or not Susan's hiatus status affects counting towards having quorum (are we 3/5 or 3/6). Out of precaution, we decided that we did not have quorum and therefore would not conduct any business that required a vote.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes for the July 22nd, 2025 council meeting will not be conducted at this meeting. Voting will be conducted at the next council meeting on 8/19/25.

Resource Report (People & Money)

Mid-year Budget review – Craig

Craig updated the Council on the process of the half year budget review. David, Marlisa and Craig met 7/23/25 and completed the review. Next step is for the Finance Committee to review and approve before sending on to council.

Zoom

Out of the frustration of not being able to conduct a Zoom meeting, a discussion was had about communication. Discussion points were:

- Zoom in the Fellowship Hall and the inability to get it to work in the absence of people that have used the tech and have Zoom room codes

Center Access

- Church door codes and access. Darshan has noted that he frequently finds doors unlocked. We need to come up with standardization for locking up the building

Service Teams Chart

- Discussion of consolidation of teams' bubble chart and how/who they report to on council.

Values process

In preparation for strategic planning, we were going to talk about Values but decided to postpone until the next meeting due to lack of attendance and delayed start of the meeting.

Harvest Festival

A discussion was had about the upcoming Harvest Festival. Topics of the discussion were:

- size of the event
- were we looking for it to be a fundraiser
- does the budget need to go to finance for approval?

Due to lack of quorum, we decided to bring this discussion to the next Council meeting.

Calendar Review

8/4-14 – Rev David gone
8/3 – Sound Bath
8/3 – Men's Group gathering
8/10 – Teen Group Class
8/12 – Finance Committee meeting
8/17 – Teen Group Class
8/17 – Dances of Universal Peace
8/18 – Listening Circle
8/19 – Core Council meeting

Next Council Meeting August 19th, 2025 6:00-8:00pm

Carrie adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Parking Lot

Benevolence fund

Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook

Retirement plan

Respectfully submitted, Tiffany Merkel, Admin Assistant