

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
In person and on Zoom 647 238 9585, pw 761508

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, Carrie Barrett, Cherie Gordon, Craig Francis
Absent: Kathy Gilliam
Practitioner: Linda Bremer, RScP
Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting, held in person and on Zoom, was called to order by Carrie Barrett at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Bremer, RScP provided the opening prayer.

Rev. David shared a reading from the book 365 Days of Richer Living, by Ernest Holmes, and Raymond Charles Barker. The title of the reading is "My Present Experience is Good".

Check In – All

How are you feeling and what was your favorite part of the past week?

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes

Rev. David moved to approve the meeting minutes for 12-2-25, version 2. Craig seconded the motion. Cherie abstained because she was not present at that meeting. All those in attendance approved the minutes.

Approval of November Financial Report

Craig requested that approval of the November financial report be deferred until the next meeting to allow everyone time to review it.

Decisions

Nominating Committee

The bylaws of our Center indicate that the Nominating Committee should comprise 2 members of the Core Council, 2 members of the congregation who are not currently serving on Council, and the Senior Minister. It was suggested that Gail Petersdorf be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee. Others will be invited as well.

It was suggested that Council members begin speaking with people now to identify those ready to serve on the Council. Nominations are due on February 8th, in time for the Annual Meeting on March 8th.

Choose investment sectors

After some discussion, it was decided that Rev. David would speak with Denny about his recommendations regarding the Center's investments and reassure him that we trust his choices.

Business

Staff reviews

Due to Kathy's illness, Rev. Carrie will be tabulating the evaluations on the tracking sheet.

Rev. David will check with Kathy to see how the \$25 gift cards were handled last year. There is a budget fund to provide cards to each staff member as a thank-you.

Denny and Buffie were asked to participate in the evaluations, but they didn't receive the forms from Rev. David. He will follow up with them about it.

Budget 2026

Craig presented his report, and Rev. David moved to accept the budget as revised for 2026. Carrie Barret seconded the motion. Approved by all in attendance.

CSL Hawaii Donation

Craig wrote a letter to the CSL Hawaii to send with our donation to their Center. He will loop Denny in on the letter and the donation, and the letter will be sent in the next few days.

Food Bank

Rev. David presented a \$303 check to the Thurston County Food Bank.

After a discussion about monetary donations to the food bank at our Center, Rev. David found a small amount of cash near the Food Bank Box. He will place it in an envelope marked "Food Bank" and store it in the safe. Going forward, the funds accumulated in the bucket will be stored in the safe.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Nourishing Our Community

Tiffany has been the lead on this for the past couple of years. Cherie received Tiffany's email regarding the timeline and will forward it to the Council Members. Carrie B will check with Tiffany to confirm availability for a 30-minute informational meeting on January 18th to explain how it works. It was agreed that Tiffany would be a good lead person for this event.

Strategic Plan

Revolutionary Agreements update

Buffie is facilitating a conversation on Sundays. Carrie will facilitate an additional one if demand arises. Linda is not available to facilitate.

Rev. David mentioned he would be away from January 29th to February 2nd for a New Thought New Year retreat.

Linda Bremer, RScP provided the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Calendar

12/18 – give new budget to team leads
12/18 – Qigong
12/20 – Women’s Circle
12/20 – Solstice setup
12/21 – Teen Group Class
12/21 – Dances of Universal Peace
12/21 – Solstice Sound Bath
12/23 – Women’s coffee
12/27 – Leadership Team meeting
12/27 – Decorate for Christmas service
12/28 – Teen Group Class
12/30 – Women’s coffee
12/30 – Practitioner meeting
1/2 – Intentions Retreat
1/3 – Intentions Retreat
1/4 – Teen Group Class
1/4 – Rap with the Rev
1/4 – Revolutionary Agreements
1/5 – Prayer Shawl group
1/6 – Tune in Tuesday
1/6 – Women’s coffee
1/6 – Core Council meeting
1/8 – Qigong

Parking Lot

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- Benevolence fund - some movement beginning
- Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook
- Retirement plan
- Quarterly event to invite neighbors- Easter, summer potluck, Christmas bazaar?
- Potential annual events
- Building rental helpers