

**Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia**  
Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
In person and 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.

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Present: Rev. David Robinson, Carrie Barrett, Cherie Gordon, Craig Francis, Kathy Gilliam.  
Guests: Kent Combs, Hillary Myers.  
Practitioner: Linda Bremer, RScP  
Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting, held in person and on Zoom, was called to order by Carrie Barrett at 6:05 p.m.

Rev. David Robinson provided the opening prayer.

Kathy presented a reading from a book by Kay Christie.

**Check In – All**

*What is most engaging for you about our mission?*

**Consent Agenda**

***Approval of minutes***

It was discovered that no one had a chance to look at the meeting minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Therefore, approval will be deferred until the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Decisions**

***Event Proposal***

Carrie shared an initial proposal for an art auction fundraiser from Elizabeth Bennett, noting that a deposit has been made to reserve the fourth Saturday in September.

Several Council members, including Rev. David (and Buffie), requested additional clarity on the event's purpose and core concept, as the proposal currently feels overwhelming.

Elizabeth mentioned the art auction as a possible way to reimburse her for the deposit.

Kathy expressed hope that a clear event schedule will be developed. It was noted that the proposal needs to be more concise and specific; there is adequate time to refine it. The proposal does not currently include ticket pricing. Also, the Thurston County requirements regarding food handling need to be addressed.

Rev. David suggested inviting Elizabeth to the next Council meeting to provide further details and answer questions.

Also noted, the Harvest Festival has been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September and occur on that Saturday annually.

### ***Building rental rate***

Denny has expressed concerns about the current \$25 rental rate, noting it is below market value. The original intent of the lower rate was to encourage rentals and increase visibility through community use of the space. Rev. David proposed forming a subcommittee to review and recommend a rental structure moving forward. Interest in serving on the subcommittee was expressed by Kathy, Rev. David, Buffie, Kent, and Hillary. Kathy suggested holding a Zoom meeting prior to the next Council meeting. Rev. David will coordinate the date and time of the Zoom meeting. Denny also discussed what should be included or excluded in rental agreements; Kathy will follow up with him for clarification.

Rev. David proposed renaming the Fellowship Hall to "Friendship Hall." Kathy suggested "Welcome Hall." After discussion, "Community Hall" was suggested and agreed upon as the preferred name. The name change will be shared as informational at the Annual Meeting in March.

## **Business**

### ***Staff review update***

Self-evaluations have been received from Brent and Adrienne; Rev. David will complete his evaluation this week. Meetings typically take place after Sunday services. Rev. David will schedule meetings with Brent and Adrienne for an upcoming Sunday.

## ***Musician Update***

February will be Heather's final month as musician/vocalist; she has resigned due to other life commitments. Musicians for March will include LaVon, Amy, and a friend of Brent's. Of course, Brent will be filling in as well when needed. Rev. David reported that the children may lead the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service including leading the congregation in community songs, since they were found "playing church" after service on a recent Sunday.

## **Mobilizing our Mission**

One of the guests, Kent, suggested identifying the Center's needs. The group discussed ideas to increase community engagement and visibility, including quarterly neighborhood events and improved marketing efforts. Events held on and off-site were discussed, with an emphasis on creating an on-ramp for people to learn more about the Center. Kent expressed interest in contributing to the center's growth and noted the need for a dedicated events coordinator to expand future offerings. Hilliary shared that she had social media marketing expertise, which would be helpful to Sandy.

## **Strategic Plan**

### ***Revolutionary Agreements Update***

Rev. David provided an update indicating that the Revolutionary Agreements theme has been well received by many and that the discussion group on Sunday afternoons at Buffie's home is well attended.

## **Closing**

The closing prayer was given by Linda Bremer, RScP.

The meeting was adjourned by Carrie Barrett at 8:10 p.m.

## **Council Learning Opportunities**

Rev. David shared that he was referred to a book entitled *Piloting Church – Helping Your Congregation Take Flight* by Cameron Trimble.

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## Calendar

2/6 – Announce Annual Meeting  
2/6 – Susan Kibbey Birthday Party  
2/7 – Intentions Retreat follow-up  
2/8 – Teen Group Class  
2/8 – Conversation Forum  
2/10 – Women’s coffee  
2/10 – Finance Committee Meeting  
2/12 – Qigong  
2/12 – Community Sound Bath  
2/14 – Men's Group Gathering  
2/15 – Teen Group Class  
2/15 – Dances of Universal Peace  
2/15 – Conversation Forum  
2/17 – Women’s coffee  
2/17 – Core Council meeting

## Parking Lot

- 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