

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

Wednesday April 1, 2026 – 5:30 – 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: Rev. David Robinson, Craig Francis, Carrie Barrett, Greg Laura, Hillary Myers, and David Dickinson

Guests: Sandy Dell

Practitioner: Rev. Carrie Masters

Scribe: Hillary Myers

Rev. Carrie Masters, RScP, provided the opening prayer.

New Council members reviewed the Council Binder between 5:45-6:36.

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Barrett at 6:36 p.m.

Hillary Myers shared a reading, “The Peace of the Wild Things” by Wendell Berry.

**Check In — ALL**

Share a word of intention for this Council Meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Meeting on 3/17/2026 were reviewed. Rev. David moved to accept minutes as revised. Motion seconded by David. Carrie, Craig, Greg, and Hillary who were present for the 3/17 meeting, approved.

**Admin Professionals Day**

Carrie introduced a discussion on whether to acknowledge Admin Professionals Day.

Greg noted that if we acknowledge this particular group we may then need to acknowledge all groups.

David D. shared that in his past work in larger organizations they acknowledged their administrative professionals as they are people who render a service and may sometimes be taken for granted.

Craig noted that it could be said that we want to acknowledge the Admin Professionals Day and that if other acknowledgements want to be made to please let the Council know.

It was agreed that we would acknowledge our administrative team and include the AV team.

**Conflict Resolution Course**

Carrie shared that Jennifer Howie found a free Conflict Resolution Course. Rev. David suggested we can check it out and decide if we want to share it more broadly.

### **Staff Review Update**

Rev. David will get everyone scheduled by this coming weekend. Adrienne's is done.

### **Council Learning Opportunities**

Rev. David presents to each Council Member a book called Piloting Church by Cameron Trimble.

Rev. David shares packet handouts from a workshop presented by the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce that comes from a discontinued class called Board Chairs Academy.

Council reviewed and discussed the packet handout about stewardship, governance, and governance as stewardship.

### **Social Media Strategy**

The Council discussed and agreed to reschedule the social media strategy conversation for next Council meeting.

### **Council Summary in Monthly Newsletter**

Carrie called to attention that the Council includes a summary of Council Business in the monthly newsletter which needs to be delivered to Sandy by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and it is the President's responsibility to ensure it is done. Carrie shared that the Council has been taking turns providing these summaries and asked who would participate in writing them going forward.

It was agreed that we would review previous summaries and revisit this topic next Council Meeting.

### **Next Steps**

- Rev. David: Create a write-up for the e-news and acknowledge admin team Marlisa, Sandy, AV team, and Tiffany during April 19<sup>th</sup> service.
- Carrie: Email admin and AV teams to let them know they will be acknowledged at the April 19<sup>th</sup> service.
- Carrie: Send Conflict Resolution Course to all Council members. Interested Council members to review at leisure.
- Rev. David: Send out emails to staff to encourage them to finish and turn in their self evaluations and coordinate with staff for upcoming review meetings.
- Council: Read Preface and Chapter 1 of Piloting Church by next Council Meeting.
- Carrie: Reschedule Social Media Strategy conversation for next Council Meeting.
- Rev. David: Check availability details of Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards book by Richard T. Ingram for next Council Meeting.
- Council: Review previous Council business summaries.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm with a closing prayer offered by Rev. Carrie Masters, RScP.