

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia
Core Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – 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: Rev. David Robinson, Craig Francis, Carrie Barrett, Greg Laura, Hillary Myers, and David Dickinson

Guests: Rev. Carrie Masters

Practitioner: Linda Bremer, RScP

Scribe: Hillary Myers

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Barrett at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Bremer, RScP, provided the opening prayer.

Carrie Barrett shared a reading.

Check In — ALL

Share a brief background about ourselves.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Financial Review

Rev. David presented a financial overview. The following reflects the current financial summary:

| Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia | | 3/17/2026 |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| March Net Income from Operations | Year to Date Net Income from Operations | Investment Value |
| \$14,559 | \$37,834 | \$438,357 |

Rev. David noted that while the organization has been operating in the red for the past few years due to building expenses, the Finance Committee, led by Denny Kautzmann, adjusted the budget to reflect more optimistic projections for 2026. Rev. David noted that pledged income is currently down compared to the previous year, but emphasized the practice of “prosperity consciousness” in addressing financial challenges.

The discussion included historical attendance and financial data, noting that while current attendance is lower than in previous years under different ministers, financial contributions have increased significantly.

Carrie moved to approve the financial report. Motion seconded by Craig. All Council members approved.

Youth Program Fund

The main focus was on addressing \$4,300 in youth program donations that need to be categorized as either restricted or non-restricted funds, with some donations specifically intended for youth camp while others were for general youth program purposes. After discussion, the group agreed the General Youth fund would remain unrestricted. Then, under the Youth fund, funds for camp attendance would be restricted. Rev. David proposed simplifying the system by designating all current youth savings funds toward camp and creating two future donation categories: one specifically for camp and another for general youth program use.

Rev. David moved to approve this new process. Motion seconded by Greg. All Council members approved.

Pride Flag Display Policy

The council discussed removing the Pride flag from display at the front of the building and replacing it with a banner that says "All are welcome here." They agreed to limit the Pride flag display to June only and authorized spending on a new banner.

Staff Reviews

Staff reviews were briefly mentioned. Brent's is completed and others need to be scheduled by Rev. David.

Council Orientation

The council agreed to schedule an orientation session for new Council members. The council info/orientation session is scheduled for April 1st at 5:30 PM.

Next Steps

- Craig: Move all current funds in the youth savings account to the "Youth Camp Fund" as per council decision.
- Craig: Communicate with Marlisa to set up sub-accounts/lines in the financial system for "Youth Camp Fund" and "General Youth Fund" for future donations.
- Rev. David: Ask Buffie to take down the current Pride/inclusion flag and clean the banner.
- Rev. David: Work with Buffie to arrange for creation of a new banner stating "All are welcome here" to be placed under the existing banner.
- Rev. David: Send out emails to staff reviews to encourage them to finish and turn in their self evaluations and coordinate with staff for upcoming review meetings.
- Council: Schedule and attend the council info/orientation session on April 1st at 5:30 pm.

- Craig: Record and communicate the new policy for youth fund donations (option to restrict to camp or general youth, with unspecified donations defaulting to general youth fund).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm with a closing prayer offered by Linda Bremer, RScP.