

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia

Core Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 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

Practitioner: Rev. Carrie Masters

Scribe: Hillary Myers

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Barrett at 6:08 p.m.

Rev. Carrie Masters, provided the opening prayer.

Greg shared quotes from various books about quantum mechanics by Fred Alan Wolf as well as a quote from Carl Sagan.

Check In — ALL

Where are you seeing wholeness in your life right now?

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

6/23 and 7/7 minutes to be approved at next council meeting.

Approval of Finance Report

Craig shared that the investment account continues to do well. Nourishing Our Community donations are still coming in with approximately \$1,000 still outstanding. The Digital Presence Campaign budget is up to \$1300 out of our \$2000 goal. Rev. David motioned to approve financial report. David D. seconded, all approved.

1/3 Buckets Email

The investment buckets will be balanced initially, then grow independently, and not be re-balanced. Craig motions that the growth from each bucket be fed back into its respective bucket until council recommends otherwise. Rev. David seconds. All approve.

New Thought Family Day

CSL Olympia was invited to attend Camp Cedar Ridge's inaugural New Thought Family Day on August 9th. Service will begin one hour early to allow for travel time.

Coverage for Denny & Buffie

Buffie and Denny have worked out back-up for building coverage.

Building Rental Helpers

Tiffany manages the building rentals and has been doing so without pay. We consider how this might evolve in the future. David D. is communicating with Christi who is checking with Interfaith Works members about how they manage building rentals.

Rev. David's Pay Update

No update on Rev. David's back pay.

How Was Outdoor Service?

It cost about 10 extra pay hours and \$100 extra for equipment. The feedback was entirely positive.

Website Meeting

It was small but meaningful.

Prosperity Campaign: Visioning Group

No updates.

Kate Moody Concert

Kate Moody is offering a heart opening meditation concert at the Center for Spiritual Living on Monday 10th of August on donation basis. 50/50 split with the Center on profits.

Marlisa on Investment Committee

Craig shares that Finance Committee would like Marlisa to be on the Investment Committee. It would help to give her a better understanding of what's happening on an investment level. Rev. David motions that Marlisa be included in the Investment Committee. David D. seconds, all approve.

Craig Needs Help

Craig has taken on a lot of responsibility around the Center and is feeling overwhelmed. Soon, he'll be going back to work and his father isn't doing well. He would like someone to take on being the liason with Darshan.

Rev. Buffie Celebration

She's panneling for final exams on the 26th of August. After service August 30th. Rev. David suggests balloons, cake, and ice cream congratulations after service.

Piloting Church Ch 7 Discussion

Money is energy. We all have a money story.

Next Steps

- Rev. David: Follow up with Tiffany on Nourishing Our Community donations.
- Carrie: Follow up with Marlisa about Benevolence Fund.

- Craig: Check Darshan's contract re:cleaning supplies.
- All Council Members: Read Chapter 8 of Piloting Church.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a closing prayer offered by Rev. Carrie Masters.