

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia

Core Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 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.

Present: Rev. David Robinson, Carrie Barrett, Greg Laura, Craig Francis, Hillary Myers, and David Dickerson

Practitioner: Susan Einhorn, RScP

Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting was called to order by President, Carrie Barrett at 6:01 pm.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Susan Einhorn, RScP

The reading was presented by Rev. David Robinson, from The Pathway of Roses by Christian D. Larson regarding faith.

Check In – All

What is your favorite way to connect with earth?

Consent Agenda

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the meeting minutes for 7.7, 8.4, and 8.18 will stand as unavailable due to technical difficulties. This will be posted on the website as such. However, agendas for each of these meetings will be posted to show the discussions held.

Decisions

Craig is asking Darshan for a complete list of supplies for building maintenance, perhaps in a posted spreadsheet, so we can add needed supplies.

Event Protocol

Darshan contacted Carrie regarding the Community Hall after the Center has been used and asked that the person opening and closing the hall put things back as they were found – i.e. – straighten chairs, fold blankets, and fill the water jug.

Action Item – Craig will review Darshan's contract and make suggestions.

Sunday service council member

A Council member will be on duty each Sunday. It will be announced each Sunday who is on duty so that people can approach them after service for information and ask any questions they may have. We were reminded that Susan or Gail are happy to answer membership questions. Council members were reminded of the sign-up sheet available in the CSLO back office online.

Action Item – Carrie will resend the sign-up sheet.

Community Meeting

Our community meeting on 9-13-26 will be held in person and on Zoom, and it can be recorded. It was pointed out that people need to know there will be cameras. Since some may not want to be on camera, they can position themselves where the camera won't see them.

Business

Rev. Carrie has been asked to resume her position as Council Scribe. Rev. David explained that she will be paid \$250 per month for this service, however, this is not in the current budget.

October newsletter article

David Dickinson will write the October article and asked for items to cover. He suggested that he write about OPOP, however, it may be that Robin is writing a separate article about that. This will be checked by David. He will also write about the pledge drive. Buffie will begin the Listening Forum around Piloting Church on Sunday the 20th in the Community Hall and continue for each of the next 10 Sundays

Quarterly minister's report

Rev. David provided a written quarterly report and reported that Rev. Carrie and Rev. Buffie will be speaking (in rotation) once a month on the 4th Sunday. This will give the congregation other voices and personalities and bring a male/female balance to the pulpit.

Investment Committee sheet

Craig explained that Denny sent out a visual description of the buckets that were proposed at an earlier meeting. This will be presented at the Community meeting.

Action Item: Craig will send out this sheet to all council members.

Community gathering

Craig addressed the topics to be covered at the gathering. They are:

- Finances, Youth, Piloting Church groups, creating a community vision, OPOP update and introducing the team to the congregation.

Craig will put together the slide deck, including the new website slides and the progress made toward completing that project. Carrie will share her agenda template and work with Craig to fill it in.

It was decided to do the OPOP reveal (introducing our new friend) on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

Upcoming events include Jean Hill-Miller's Memorial on October 2 and Swami Beyondanda on October 16th. Rev. David will forward that info to Craig for the slide deck.

Mobilizing Our Mission

Prosperity Campaign

Rev. David reported that the Visioning for this was held with 7 or 8 in attendance. The theme that came from the visioning is "Sharing Our Joy".

Benevolence Fund –

Carrie asked that this be discussed at the next meeting to give time for hearing from Hillary about the website planning. All agreed.

Website planning

Hillary showed everyone an AI mock-up of the website, which contained the organization template. The content is in development.

At the next meeting, she will show us a homepage mock-up that includes the youth and family tab, then redo the youth and family page.

Rev. David had comments about the welcome line and the need to include the community and the teaching (the message).

Hillary requested that Council review all the pages of the proposed mock-up and that any website notes be sent to her 2 days prior to the next council meeting on September 22nd.

Council Learning Opportunities

A rich discussion regarding Chapter 9 of Piloting Church took place.

The closing prayer was offered by Susan Einhorn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carrie Masters

Calendar

9/10 – Qigong
9/11 – Community Sound Bath
9/12 – Men’s Group Gathering
9/12 – Party parking for neighbor
9/13 – Community Gathering
9/14 – Chair yoga
9/15 – Women’s coffee group
9/15 – Finance Committee meeting
9/16 – Pathway of Roses
9/18 – NOC Comedy and Curry
9/19 – Harvest Festival
9/20 – Dances of Universal Peace
9/20 – Fall Equinox Sound Bath
9/21 – Chair yoga
9/22 – Women’s coffee group
9/22 – Core Council meeting

Parking Lot

- Retirement plan
- Policy & Procedure changes/updates - Include an employee handbook
- Quarterly event to invite neighbors- Easter, summer potluck, Christmas bazaar?
- Potential annual events