

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

Tuesday, September 22, 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, and Hillary Myers

Absent: David Dickinson

Practitioner: Linda Bremer, RScP

Scribe: Rev. Carrie Masters

The meeting was called to order by President, Carrie Barrett at 5:56 pm.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Linda Bremer, RScP.

The reading was presented by Carrie Barrett, who read from A Pathway of Roses, by Christian D. Larson.

Check In

What is your favorite thing about autumn?

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes

Rev. David Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 8, 2026. Motion seconded by Greg Laura. All in attendance approved.

Approval of financial report

Center for Spiritual Living - Olympia		8/31/2026
August Gross Profit from Operations	Year to Date Net Operating Revenue	Investment Value
\$47,021.59	\$19,733.16	\$476,533.77

Craig reported that the congregation's giving is in line with the pledges they made. We received a large infusion of money from the investment account of \$28,166.16, which was termed realized gains. We tithed from those gains to Home Office. We will continue to tithe to Home Office until we hit the \$19,800 we pledged. We also gave to Interfaith Works and we gave to OPOP.

Carrie Barrett moved to approve the financial report. Rev. David seconded. All in attendance approved.

Business

Investment Committee Worksheet

Craig explained that Denny will be sending an investment committee report to be added to the financial report each month.

Supplies & Email

Craig started a supplies list and will confirm the items with Darshan. He will also ask Darshan if there are any additions. Craig also explained that he will set up an email account to serve as a way to request supplies.

The group discussed a possible liaison between Core Council and Darshan. Rev. David brought David Dickinson's name forward. Craig offered to talk to David D. to see if he is interested.

Kitchen deep clean – Carrie

Last year, Buffie and Carol organized a deep clean of the whole space and it seems like it's time for another such cleaning. It was noted that the garbage cans and kitchen need to be deep cleaned.

Closed Executive Session

Council entered into closed executive session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. No formal actions taken. Returned to open session at 6:35 p.m.

Retreat follow-up

Our individual areas to champion:

David Dickinson and Hillary's is the new website. Craig and Greg are working on the prosperity campaign. Carrie B.'s is people sharing their experiences and testimonials.

Sunday service council member

Three council members signed up to be 'on duty' one Sunday a month. The announcements will highlight the council members on duty each Sunday.

Announcements

We discussed the length of the announcements, and Rev. David said he was working on making them more concise.

We also discussed announcements for events and classes happening outside of our building, as well as those happening inside our center but are not necessarily a part of CSLO.

Space Rental discussion

It was noted that rental agreements with those wishing to use our space include a monthly fee or a split of the income if they aren't sure how well the event will be attended.

Event coordinator

Rev. David suggested that we table this subject for now.

Evaluation timeline

On the CSLO planning calendar, there is a timeline for evaluations.

The budget planning process begins this week, when teams can estimate their budget for the coming year. Rev. Buffie will receive a Letter of Call beginning October 1, 2026. Both Rev. David and Rev. Buffie will receive a new Letter of Call for 2027.

There is an evaluation tracking document as well as a Contracts Tracking document with no timeline on it. Greg will review those documents and help them make more sense.

Decisions

Rev. Carrie as Scribe

Rev. David announced that Rev. Carrie will gift her time as scribe for the Council.

Buffie's 2026 Letter of Call

Greg pointed out a correction and asked for an accrual method to calculate vacation time. Once the final version is complete, we will request the required signatures.

Mobilizing Our Mission

OPOP reveal

Rev. David reported that the first letter-writing meeting would be held next week. The reveal will happen the first Sunday of October.

Prosperity Campaign – Rev. David

Visioning took place, and the theme “Sharing our Joy” was revealed. We will have a guest speaker on the last Sunday of October with a workshop following the service. We need to plan the celebration for November 8th. The prosperity theme will continue through the whole month of October and the 1st Sunday of November. We will need spokespeople for Sundays to give a testimonial as to why they love the community and why they are sustainers for it.

In the past, 2 people have organized the spokespeople and found people to give testimonies. Rev. David asked the Council Members to keep in mind who could help in this way.

Harvest Festival summary

Greg reported that the dahlias sold well this year, and the Farm Stand taking in \$250 compared to only \$50 last year. The food sharing took in a little over \$250 as well (donations from the food brought). Attendance easily doubled from last year. Habitat for Humanity’s Pop-up Store made \$708 with minimal expense. The musicians were good, too. It was a big improvement over last year.

Website planning

Hillary showed us the home page setup, including draft wording, structure, tabs, and overall flow. Rev. David said he would share the CSL branding/marketing manual with her. She reported that she made a mobile version and an iPad version, so that when she makes changes on the desktop version, it updates on all the versions. She explained what photos could be included. The next step is the page mockup and creating the other pages with colors. She will ask Adrienne to help with wording. She would like to have a supportive team around it rather than ‘too many cooks in the kitchen’.

Council Learning Opportunities

Piloting Church Ch 10 discussion – Rev David
Tabled for now.

Linda Bremer offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carrie Masters

Calendar

9/23 – Pathway of Roses
9/24 – Qigong
9/25 – Request budgets from teams
9/25 – NOC Sunrise Hike at Mt Rainier
9/26 – Leadership meeting
9/27 – Piloting Church conversation forum
9/27 – MBSR
9/28 – OPOP meeting
9/28 – Chair yoga
9/28 – Marketing meeting
9/29 – Women’s coffee group
9/29 – Practitioner meeting
9/29 – Interfaith Works compassion meditation
9/30 – Pathway of Roses
10/2 – Hill-Miller memorial
10/3 – NOC Lanterns
10/4 – Piloting Church conversation forum
10/4 – MBSR
10/5 – Prayer Shawl group
10/5 – Chair yoga
10/6 – Women’s coffee group
10/6 – 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