

CSLPS Leadership Council Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:26 PM.

INVOCATION: Mitch Allcorn gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Eunice Chalfant, Karla Dunning, Rev. George Stewart, Rev. Vince Kueffner, Mariann (Annie) Meeks, Debbie Blair, Mitch Allcorn, and Thea Brigham
Guests in attendance: William Chen, River Harrison, Laura Meeks, Rev. Ed Lee Avillanoza, Recording Secretary

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT:

All members read the CSLPS Leadership Council Mission and Vision Statement together.

VISION: Inspired, Conscious Leadership

MISSION: Ensuring the health and vibrancy of our ever-expanding spiritual community

CHECK IN: Everyone discussed their life activities.

SECRETARY'S REPORT/MINUTES: The June 2023 Leadership Council Minutes were approved with one correction, the spelling of Debbie Blair's name.

GUEST PRESENTATION FOR PRIDE: River Harrison and William (Billy) Chen
River and Billy have volunteered to coordinate this year's CSLPS's team for the 2023 Palm Springs Pride Parade. River presented information on the idea of CSLPS partnering with the Peaceflagmovement.org, a renowned organization promoting peace and LGBTQ+ rights. He suggested that this could be an opportunity for us to further our message of love, acceptance, and peace in the community. CSLPS could become distributors of the "Peace Flags". There is no charge for the flags. It would be a great way for CSLPS to connect with a broader audience in the community.

River and Billy also discussed several marketing and outreach strategies, as well as a timeline for this year's Pride Parade. They also suggested we have tee shirts available for people to wear in the parade. The tee shirts would include our logo with words such as I am Peace, I am Love, and have the sponsor's logo on the back. It was discussed to consider marching with other CSL groups and to pass out business cards containing the same message as above on one side and our logo on the other. There was a consensus by the Council to carry the Peace flags and to follow through with their marketing and timeline plans.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial report was presented by Rev. Vince. For the month of June there was a Net Operating Revenue of (\$1301.83) Loss on a Gross Profit of \$12,752.21 against Total expenditures of \$14,054.04. This compared favorably to the month of May, when the Center's Net Operating revenue was (5,197.74) Loss.

YTD net operating revenue is \$1,086.52.

Total offering income for June was \$11,234.42. compared to May 2023 of \$9,689.46. YTD offering is \$81,536.02. We are on target for what has been pledged.

Discussion revolved around setting up an account to accept stock options. Rev Vince, Annie Meeks, and Steve Ferger are working on this. Rev. Vince has been talking with other non-profits about the handling of stock accounts. We also need to see if we qualify for a Covid funded grant from the government.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and blessed with gratitude.

SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Eunice gave the Senior Minister's Report.

1. We need to market our auto-tithe program so that people can continue to give regardless if they are at the Center in person. Especially needed for the Summer.
2. Parking Lot Project- Steve and Rev. Vince have decided to delay the Capital Campaign for the parking lot until after Prosperity NOW.
3. We have not yet received the donation from the Big Bear Lake Center-an independent CSL church that closed its doors. Rev. Eunice will follow up with Rev. Michael Curcuru to see if he has any information.
4. Divine Dining and Destinations fundraiser has been a big hit with people. We raised \$4100.00. Everyone participating had fun.
5. We were awarded a Hefferlin Fund Grant for the Parking Lot. We received the first \$10,000 check and will receive an additional \$10,000 at completion. So far there is \$24,000 toward the parking lot fund.
6. Website review. As part of the Website review, we are looking to re-do the 2019 survey for the purpose of better understanding our community. Rev. Eunice contacted Rev. Rasheryl who assisted with our community survey in 2019. She is now the Senior Minister at CSL San Jose. She plans to facilitate a Zoom class for her own community and invited us to attend. There will be a charge for this.
7. Class attendance for the Bible Class and the Spiritual Practices Class is lower than pre-pandemic. Many in the community are new to SOM. Another reason to focus on a survey to better understand the community needs.
8. Time to start preparing for the Mystery Dinner. Barry Colman has committed to anchor the dinner portion of the event, as well as our traditional Thanks for Giving Dinner.

ECCLESIASTICAL REPORT:

Activities- are quieting down for the Summer, so there was little change to report from last months.

Practitioner Core-No retreat scheduled.

Pastoral Care Team-We have no current hospitalizations.

Community Connectors Team- Still looking for co-leaders.

Music Team-Jeff and George have re-instituted the CSLPS Choir. Rev. Eunice has spoken with Jeff about getting outside singers more frequently, maybe every other month to draw people in.

Education Ministry- Fall schedule to be addressed at the next meeting.

Community Outreach- Peter and Rev. Eunice are attending mixers and ribbon cuttings with the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber to outreach with other Valley businesses.

Vision Core-Still on hiatus.

Business Ministry- No update yet.

Youth and Family Ministry-No update.

Animal and Friends Ministry-No update.

Rainbow Alliance- The July 4th party was fun. We are grateful that the Rainbow Alliance provides social activities for our community.

The Senior Minister's Report and Ecclesiastical Report were accepted.

Logistics- Rev. G gave the logistics report. The opening production schedule is set through the end of September 2023. There was an in-person scheduling/event team

meeting in June, and one event was approved in July via email.

Volunteers- Thea gave the volunteers report. Marcus Gottlieb has agreed to be co-leader for the Gushers. We are still waiting to hear back from Belle if she will be the Team Leader in the Fall. John Kardol has agreed to be a gusher. Hospitality was well staffed. The bookstore is having a team meeting next week.

Operations- Mitch gave the operations report. The air conditioning service was completed, including new filters. He also called about the electrical bill(s). We were told we would be receiving a \$1000 rebate, but instead received a check for \$188.02. Palm trims need trimming. This will be about \$850.00, and requires board approval. George Melton to help Mitch spot clean the lobby carpeting. Still need to put up lights outside. Mitch to arrange with John Kardol.

STEWARDSHIP/DEVELOPMENT REPORT: See Treasurer's report.

All Core Reports were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pride Parade Proposal Discussion
- Capital Campaign- Will have a "thermometer" goal on display for the community starting in January.
- Review Finances and Discuss Options to implement- Love offertories are down. Rev. Eunice feels it will even out once members return after the Summer. As noted before, Rev. Vince is looking into stock options.
- Needs Assessment Done
- Mystery Dinner-Peter doesn't want to chair.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Capital Funds for the Parking Lot
- Update on Marketing Report
- Non-Profit Loan from Mechanics Bank

BENEDICTION: The benediction was said together.

The Light of God Surrounds Us

The Love of God Enfolds Us

The Power of God Protects Us

The Presence of God Is Within Us

Wherever We Are, GOD IS

And All is Well.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Avillanoza, Recording Secretary