

CSLPS Leadership Council Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:35 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Eunice Chalfant gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Eunice Chalfant, Karla Dunning, Rev. George Stewart, Rev. Vince Kueffner, Mariann (Annie) Meeks, Mitch Allcorn, and Thea Brigham
Guest: Cindy 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: The meeting will start with New Business and Core Reports first.

SECRETARY'S REPORT/MINUTES: The July 2023 Leadership Council Minutes were approved without correction.

New Business:

- **Pride Parade Update:** Annie gave the update. Funds are needed for T-shirts, coffee, bagels, and public transportation. Estimated funds are <\$500.00. We do have free Peace Flags available for anyone who wants one. The plan is to purchase hand-held fans to give out to the parade onlookers. The fans will have our logo on them, as well as messages such as, "I Am Love", "I Am Peace". Permission was granted by the Council to spend <\$500.00 on the above items.
- **Needs Assessment Survey Update-** Rev. Eunice has been getting surveys from other Centers. She will email them once organized. Annie has dropped out of this committee.
- **Substitute Coverage for Lee's Vacation-** Rev. Eunice will process all receivables and make the weekly deposit. Debbie Blair will cover phones, printing, and emails. The payables will wait until Lee returns. It was agreed that Lee should get paid 40 hours vacation per year to cover time off and sick time. She will use 15 hours for the week she is gone.
- **Updating of Décor in Foyer and Sanctuary-** Roberta Rodriguez presented a plan to Karla for the Practitioner's Corner, to be in the corner by the doors facing East Racquet Club and the Labyrinth. Greeters will mention it to newcomers. Karla to speak with Peter Bedard about color ideas and changes he was recommending.
- **Mystery Dinner-**Everything is underway. The script is done. Tickets to be set at \$50. Volunteers and actors do not have to buy a ticket. There will be a raffle instead of a silent auction this year for fund raising.
- **Parking Lot-** Mitch reviewed the details. Tim Coates has 2 new bids which include ADA requirements. The first is for \$145,000 to replace the lot with cement. This is not "White Coat". The bid is good for 2 months. The second came in at \$270,000 for the same thing. Mitch recommends getting a loan first and then raising the money to cover it. Annie has a package of information from

Mechanics Bank to apply for a mortgage on the building. Non-profits do not need guarantors. A loan for \$200,000 at around 7%, would mean monthly payments of \$1600.00 for a 10-year period. Annie also agreed we should apply for the loan now. The Leadership Council Members agreed unanimously with the recommendation to move forward with obtaining the loan from Mechanics Bank. Electric charge stations were discussed. Mitch to review cost. It was also discussed to move all banking to Mechanics Bank from Bank of America. Rev. Vince asked if they had a stock portfolio. This would be an important consideration as we want to implement these soon.

- **Scheduling Production-** A 3-month calendar was completed for Council Members to voluntarily open and close for Sunday meditation and service.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Funds Program for Parking Lot-** see new business above.
- **Updating on Marketing Committee Formation-** still ongoing.

Core Reports:

Logistics- Rev. G completed the 3-month Production calendar. Many Fall events are upcoming including the Mystery Dinner and Pride Parade.

Volunteers- Thea gave the volunteers report. We need to have a volunteer luncheon. There was discussion about changing the hospitality chair. Marcus Gottlieb is doing a great job as a gusher. John Kardol has agreed to be temporary leader of the gushers. The other teams are well staffed. Karla would like to get volunteer badges. She and Lee will investigate this. The Highest Donor Reception Party was also discussed.

Operations- Mitch gave the operations report. He has been exploring the high electric bills. Renova installed 52 solar panels in 2015. They have agreed to look at what we are producing. Annie questioned why and how a third party, Desert Community, became involved as a middleman with Edison. She and Laura will help Mitch with this. We should be getting more money back than we are. Currently it is costing us more to clean the panels than we received in a yearly reimbursement from Desert Community. The panels were cleaned this month. Palm trims need trimming. This will be about \$850.00 and requires board approval. The board approved this expenditure. Still need to put up lights outside in the back. Mitch to arrange with John Kardol.

STEWARDSHIP/DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Accepting stock donations is still needed to generate income. Prosperity Now drive will be starting soon and is a great way to work on increasing the Sunday offerings.

All Core reports were accepted.

Minister's Report: Rev. Eunice gave the Minister's and Ecclesiastical Reports.

- **Parking lot-** There is \$40,000 designated as parking lot money. (\$10,000 will come upon completion from the Hefferlin Fund.) We also received around \$3,000 from Big Bear Lake, an Independent Religious Science Church that closed its doors.
- **Website Review-** Time to reactive this team in the Fall.
- **Monthly Visioning-** This will restart the last Monday of the month at 6:00 or 6:30 PM.
- **Mystery Dinner-** All is underway as Annie detailed earlier. Barry Colman is

planning a Space themed dinner.

- The “**21 Day Consciousness Cleanse**” class began this week. We will delay any CSL Accredited classes until January.
- **Prosperity Now** fund raising will begin soon. Rev. Verona Garland will do a workshop on October 15th at noon. The home groups will start the first week of October. We need home locations and facilitators. We need to establish a pledge goal. We also need a chairperson. Rev. Eunice is working on the newsletter and mass mailing.
- **Sunday Service Rescheduling**-Rev. Eunice would like to hold a service on the Saturday night before Pride Parade, so that all members can attend. Also, to have a combined Christmas Eve and Day service on Sunday this year, in the later afternoon.

ECCLESIASTICAL REPORT:

- **Practitioner Core**- Three new people are in the CSL Practitioner on-line program. Rev. Eunice will meet monthly with them as a group. She would like the current Practitioners to be more supportive in the community. She plans to see who is going to renew. She also wants to do an honoring for those with Emeritus status.
- **Pastoral Care Team**- Jenny Malloy’s Celebration of Life is set for September 30th.
- **Community Connectors**- Still looking for 2 co-leaders.
- **Music Team**- Rev. Eunice has been speaking with Jeff and George to bring in more concerts and special music.
- **Education**- See Minister’s Report.
- **Community Outreach**- No change. CSLPS is still a member of the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber.
- **Vision core**- Restarts September 25th at 6:00 PM.
- **Business Ministry**- No Update.
- **Youth and Family Ministry**- No update.
- **Animal and Friends Ministry**-No update.
- **Rainbow Alliance**- No update.

The Minister’s and Ecclesiastical Reports were accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial report was presented by Rev. Vince.

For the period ending August 31, 2023, Center for Spiritual Living (CSLPS) had a Net Operating Revenue of (-\$2343.85) Loss on a Gross Profit of \$10,716.88 against Total expenditures of \$13,060.73. This compared negatively to July 31, 2023, when the Center’s Net Operating revenue was \$2,530.06.

YTD net operating revenue is \$1,021.86.

Total offering income for August was \$8,803.46 compared to July, 2023 of \$15,927.46. YTD offering income is \$106,266.94.

Of note from Pam Weekley, Bookkeeper, the credit card clearing account has a credit balance at the end of the month. This implies that credit cards were processed yet not recognized as income in the financials. We will work on figuring this out.

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

Closing Comments: Thea discussed her trip to Asilomar and the direction the leaders want to take the church. We need to be more focused on the younger members' outlooks and needs. How can we bring these teachings up to date? How are we giving back- e.g., climate change.

Annie talked about starting a scholarship to allow others to attend.

The Council book study is on hold.

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 2:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Lee Avillanoza, Recording Secretary