

Center for Spiritual Living, Greater Las Vegas
64th Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 15, 2019
1420 E Harmon Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Call to Order: The Annual Membership Meeting of the Center for Spiritual Living, Greater Las Vegas was called to order by Madge Cassel, RScP, President, at 11:48 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Elmiree Farr Walter, RScP, Emeritus

Quorum and Credentials Report: Lynn Frankenberger, RScP, reported a quorum of 68 members present of the total 189 eligible members, which qualifies as a quorum to conduct the business of this assembly.

Proof of Call of Meeting: Mary O'Reilly, Administrative Assistant, provided Proof of Call of Meeting.

Motion by Rev. Cyndi DeLong, **second** by Jill Petersen, to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Rev. Cyndi DeLong, **second** by Jill Petersen, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2019 Special Membership Meeting. **Motion passed.**

President's Report: Madge Cassel, RScP, Leadership Council President, spoke of the Consciousness Café, Renee Martinez' leadership in kitchen with great staff, Marianne Williamson's twice renting space for special events and as a guest Sunday speaker, the month of special giving exceeding the goal, teens fall festival and raising money for camps, donations are still welcome! Eight teens went to summer camp. Vandalism and break-ins initiated meeting with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. for recommendations, obtaining estimates for security updates; Barbara Lyle, RScP, keeping the Leadership Council current in real estate market. June clean-up had a great turn-out! The "Surround CSLGLV with Light" event was impactful, Rev. Claire has shown great development in the Youth & Family ministry, enthusiastic participation of children, and Tina Faye working with teens. A Town Hall meeting in July created more answers, and more questions which led to the Leadership Council Q&A sessions extended before and after services, new committees chaired by Sabrina Fricks, RScP, Kelli Marshall, RScP, and Bob Jette need volunteers so sign up! Change is coming! Be involved! To grow, to expand needs change. Support the changes that are happening! Special meeting Aug 18 elicited a vote to stay at this location following presentations from the 3 committees and they are still looking for members. The Leadership Council email: council@cslglv.org is available for any to ask questions, make comments, or provide answers to questions other have asked in the public meetings. It appears that the level of giving is not in line with attendance. Praise to those who give generously. Others who feel lack are asked to consider support for your spiritual home. Attending a

Leadership Council meeting is available and guests may observe (without participation), but all are welcome. For the change that will be coming, honor each one who is involved. Be supportive of every area here.

Report of Nominating Committee: Sharon Nelson, RScP

Review of nominating process according to bylaws.

Introduction of Nominees: Doug Allen, Kelli Marshall, RScP, and Susannah Paulsen.

Motion by Barbara Williams, **second** by Jill Petersen, to accept slate as submitted.

Motion passed.

Motion by Rev. Cyndi DeLong, **second** by Gail Hendricks, to elect the slate by acclamation. **Motion passed.**

Spiritual Leader's Report: Rev. Doug Foglesong

Welcome. The fiscal year that ended in June was a year of clarification and challenges. Commitment is moving to catch up with a desire to change. The vote to stay prompted additional ideas and ways to participate. We have tools and spiritual technology to meet the challenges to make change. EmpowerU this year showed 54 students completed certificated classes. Adult education is one area of focus for growth. Fellowship – potlucks are well attended, shout out to Renee Martinez and the Dudes and Dudettes who support connection. YFM under direction of Rev. Claire Summerhill and Tina Faye who have provided outstanding leadership with these groups. The past year welcomed 23 new members, including 4 teens.

Financial Report: Sharon Nelson, RScP

Review Statement of Operating Activities and FY2019-2020 Budget (Operating Dollars). Budget reduction in Celebration Services, Personnel Expenses Detail available in full reports available upon request.

Question from Barbara Williams: Where are we on the pledge program?

Response from Sharon: Leap of Faith pledge to retire mortgage program is a proposal, has not been rolled out at this time. Funds already submitted are being held in General Fund until a formal program is initiated.

Question from Barbara Williams: \$300,000 for mortgage, \$200,000 deferred maintenance – has that been paid already and is due?

Response from Rev. Doug: No, deferred maintenance is what is needed to bring facility and grounds current.

Endowment – long-term investment small loss due to fees. New procedures and processes to streamline our financial statements' look is in place. Barbara Schweppe has been instrumental in Finance Committee. Endowment Committee will offer endowment participation by congregation.

Special recognition to musicians.

Challenge to dealing with homeless and vandalism on property. Policies are in place to deal with incidents and help reduce the effects.

CSL virtual convention (ZOOM) was attended by our local delegates.

A new procedure for count reports and deposits was developed by Barbara Schweppe. Group hosted by Rev. Doug brainstormed and visioned for the endowment participation. Safety and Security Task Force was formed and made recommendations which are being considered or have been implemented, such as the Town Hall meeting.

Finance committee: Sustainable operation into the far distant future led to Town Hall meeting.

Rev. Doug's Letter of Call for 2019 – 2021 is in process over 6 weeks.

Town Hall mtg and Leadership Council Q&A led to a group of individuals to research and submit ideas and committees for sustainability and growth.

Survey Monkey has over 100 responses and the results will be available soon.

Recognition of Barbara Lyle, RScP, for real estate research.

Decision to stay can only be realized if everyone remains involved. Invite everyone to embrace this decision, find your place to actively contribute. All proposals are welcome to the Leadership Council including reasons and ways to leave this space.

Acknowledgements: Rev. Doug

Staff Ministers – Rev. Cyndi DeLong, Rev. Claire Summerhill

Staff – Mary O'Reilly and Lynn Frankenberger, RScP; Justin Vogel, RScP, Music Director; Joe Blaum, Audio/Visual; Odyssey, the band; JR maintenance; Gail Hendricks' work in the bookstore; Leadership Council last year and the new members of Leadership Council; all volunteers, and those working for this Annual Meeting.

Acknowledgement of Departing Council Members:

Diane – saying yes – a stretch and wonderfully done!

Madge – appointed as she started Professional Studies 2nd year, then accepting position as Vice President, and President, also a stretch and challenge.

Both served in quiet strength.

Benediction: Rev. Richard Walter

Adjourn: 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Cyndi DeLong
Recording Secretary