

Community Envisioning, January 14 and 15, 2022 (14 people present on the 14th, and 7 on the 15th)

Board News – Janet Salese shared that the Board had visited, and approved, a Sunday-only venue that will work for our community at a price we can work with. We are still ironing out the details of the contract. There are seats for 97 people, between 45 and 60 attendees with physical distancing, separate indoor and outdoor spaces for meditation and children, and there will be a place to store the gear we need only on Sundays. We will have livestreaming. Masks will be required, as will color coded nametags to indicate our hugging preference (green = yes! hugs, yellow = hugs, maybe, please ask first, red = please don't touch or get too close). We will not require proof of vaccination or a negative covid test, though we will ask people who do not feel well to please stay home.

Brainstorming –

Pet blessings

Ability to serve children simultaneously with in-person service.

Choir/singing group

Social activities — Lunch bunch in the park, BYOBag lunches,

Professional staging (Rethinking what our 'stage' looks like, camera eye view)

Professional sound and mixing equipment

Big monitors, and electronic management of camera movement

More advertising – maybe Tucson lifestyle

Bump up our google placement

Music license so the entire service can be broadcast

Adopting a partner church like we had with Unity of Peace and do cooperative events

Find out if other CSL centers have had success with marketing packages, especially with respect to retention

Does home office have any guidance on finding 'our people' and help in identifying them.

Put a request in the newsletter to find out if we have a congregant with PR/Marketing experience who is willing to volunteer some time and expertise

Can we get free or low-cost publicity on local radio stations?

More young people joining/attending.

Places to put our advertising (yoga studios, coffee shops, ...)

Ethnic diversity

Congregant 'testimonials'

Group Visioning Practice

What is the highest vision, highest ideal for our beloved Center for Spiritual Living Tucson? What does it look like, taste like, sound like and feel like?

CSLT Choir with Sunday hour-long performances with 40 people on zoom and 30 people in person, Rev Janis in purple or red (not a bathrobe) Ecclesiastical robes, alpine mountains, with beautiful green fields of daisies; white stone cathedral with a tall spire turning into a vertical laser light show shooting up to the heavens; Fun times, all congregants improving their lives, happy people, energetic people, enjoying their lives; Personal possibilities and dreams becoming realities, learning and practicing our teaching; Settling into a big comfy chair, bigger and **bolder**, hands waving in the air, smiles and laughter; people gathering on Sunday, joy and laughter, children running about, KXCI's spiritual

moment; Golden color, inclusive (age, culture and gender are all welcome), sanctuary, (peace within oneself, and sanctuary within the world), welcoming community where new folks are embraced and have a place, tall cathedral with wide open doors; Support, everybody, all of us, holding hands in a circle, smiles and communion; Loving image of Mother Mary, dark with candlelight, super long table with lots of people sitting around it, sharing a meal, in the desert; A gathering place where the coffee's always fresh; Green fields, people milling around outside, dancing, and singing, fresh and energized air, love flowing between people by heart songs; Black desk-model rotary phone, cute, sweet, barefoot, little boy in coveralls walking down a dirt road with a fishing pole over his shoulder, 'gone fishing'; Group outings, happy people -- dirt paths, hiking, field trips (like the desert museum) and film (art movies, like at the Loft); Rollercoasters (excitement and glee), connection regardless of time and space, a new level of order in kindness and love.

What changes, evolves, becomes, moves in, moves away, releases, embraces, ... as this new vision comes into being?

A zoo experience, with the zoo animals having fun, masked group conversing outside, twenty kids with six teachers, families, ethnic diversity and sexual diversity; from an old science fiction movie, a tall pile of interconnected old box television sets each showing an image on the screen, and the image on all the screens was our message and the thought arose, 'our message gets through at last'; Larger, growing congregation, expanding; Guidance and inspiration, touching hearts, inspiring minds, increasing faith, supporting and uplifting others; Leaders taking action, many hands make light work, song: 'Good day sunshine', grass growing; Open, expansive, infinite, embracing the challenge; Earthy-turquoise-y color, CSL community demographics shift to more closely reflect the local Tucson demographics, our comfort zones are gently nudged open and expanded, fun, love, play, some new practitioners; A place to dump fear and get hope, visioning, sadness into joy, freedom; a famous person coming to share wisdom in person, someone totally unexpected, someone you'd never imagine in a million years, way cool; Hosting retreats; Connectedness amongst people in a caring way, lots of new faces appear, and a greater, deeper sense of oneness; People in groups congregating outdoors, laying on blankets, having picnics, groups of people spaced out over a large area so people weren't too close (in proximity) to each other; Lots of hands & happy hearts helping, health and wholeness for all.

Is there anything else that wants to be known, realized or understood?

Healthy pizza parties with salads, book studies, and small groups in people's homes and at the office, overflowing treasury, 30-40 regular tithers; Graphics that go along with an instrumental (MTV) video by Frank Zappa called 'G-spot tornado', frenetic, with flashing lights; Gratitude and thank you; Charisma – from our center and each of us individually possessing charisma that will draw to us our highest and best, and inspire others; Heart shaped clouds, a big yellow arrow pointing forward, a cherry picker rising up, and red polka dot bandana; freedom, to let go; New grass green, be the center we want to see, attraction rather than promotion, have fun, play, laugh and love, all is good, create our intention and allow Spirit to provide the 'how' of it; Gardening, sharing herbs, stories, pop-up classes; Music, music, music; An outdoor gathering, a party with snacks and music; Sharing what these teachings mean to me, changing my views about occurrences, how we bear witness to Spirit's manifestation in each of our lives; Easy, and flowing, light breezes; A vision of the night sky with a zillion stars; Rodeo riders roping cows, bright and shiny friendly faces, song: 'Peaceful easy feeling'.

Day Two –

Anything to be added to what we talked about on Day One?

Recognize we are living in a period of extreme instability and uncertainty, and we do well to remember to focus on our own 'stuff' and what is in our own power to manage, direct, and order.

Recognize we want to do some (more) *fun things.* What social activities can we imagine engaging in, beyond what we are doing already. What can we safely do in person?

Current fun things we are doing:

- Daily Morning Practice – Meets 7 days/week @ 8:30am on zoom.
- Prosperity Plus Mastermind Group – Meets twice monthly on zoom.
- Movie discussion group – Meets monthly on zoom
- Office 'watch party' – Meets roughly once a month in person, until we meet in person
- Full moon labyrinth walk – Meets monthly in person at Unity of Tucson's labyrinth
- CSLT Creatives – a small group that meets roughly monthly in person at someone's home to work individually on creative projects together and socialize
- Men's group – small group of committed men who meet twice a month

Things to explore, Actions to take, Ways we can engage further in 2022

- Explore Living Room Conversations (livingroomconversations.org), and explore becoming a 'host' for Living Room Conversations as a way of getting to know people, and becoming more open and diverse with respect to those who express life differently than we might/do.
- Look for more *fun things* we can do and coordinators willing to step up and organize them (Ideas: outdoor music, visiting local gardens and parks, having picnics, socializing with a purpose)
- Looking into advertising on local radio stations (Tucson downtown radio, public radio)
- Making our new Sunday location 'home' after we get there
- Look for ways to encourage and inspire prospective leaders/coordinators.
- Find (and encourage) a coordinator who will help keep the remote participants engaged in our Sunday Celebrations once we are once again in person.
- Individuals reaching out to other CSLT people they know who we haven't seen in a while to connect and engage
- Look into refurbishing, or reprinting, our informational cards which can be left in yoga studios, coffee shops, libraries, and other such community bulletin boards
- Encouraging congregants to 'tell their story' about what living the teachings of Science of Mind has meant to them in their lives. Perhaps having a training or workshop on how to do this. Engage expert technologist and content provider (may be the same person) to lead the workshop/training.

Other ideas welcome, as long as they come with the intention, and willingness, to support the activity.

Thank you for your participation & engagement in our center. -- Rev Janis & Your CSLT Board

Retaining Our Existing Credo (it tells who we are, and how we intend to engage in the world):

The Center for Spiritual Living Tucson inspires spiritual expression in community with all, and offers an accepting, loving, and peaceful way of living a joyful, healthier, and more abundant life.