

Our Credo: 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.

Current Board Members: Maria Schuchardt, Board Chair; Chris Wheeler, Vice-Chair Madeline Pallanes Secretary; Janet Salese, Treasurer, Mariann Moery, Linda Bullock

- Annual Report for the previous 12 months, October 2023 – September 2024

Financial Report: Janet Salese

- Report on the previous 12 months, September 2023 - August 2024 -

Financial Report / Funding Team

The following data are unverified income and expense values:

	Sunday Offerings	Total Income	Total Expenses	Facility Fund & Opp. Fund Contrib's▽	Net Income▽	Total Year Attendance	Average Weekly Attend.	Average Weekly Offering /Person
Est. Budget 9/24-8/25	113,750	126,098	131,289	<12,012>	<5,191>	2,860	55	39.77
9/2023-8/24 Actual	84,704	100,807	115,633	46,939 ☺ <6,437> π <7,970>#	<14,826>	2,288	44	35.24
Est. Budget 9/23-8/24	87,500	96,418	125,896	47,479 ☺ <10,250>#	<29,478>	2,860	55	30.59
9/2022-8/23 Actual	79,302	83,121	104,430	48,243☺π <736>✱	<21,309>	1,677	34	39.72
9/2022-8/23 Actual	125,003 ☼	131,680	126,634	39,531 ☺☺ 10,832 ✱	5,046	1,643	32	76.08 ☼
9/2020 – 8/21 Actual	122,132	128,227	110,203	47,499 ☺ (<6,461✱>)	18,024 \$	2,101	40	58.13

▽ Designated Funds are not included as available income. They can only be used for their intended purposes.

☺ Annual payment on promissory note for sale of 4961 E 22nd St, final payment received 6/11/2024.

π Includes building repair/maintenance & investment increase in value. As of January 2024, 911 S Craycroft mortgage is paid from Facility Fund Account.

✱ An additional designated fund, The Opportunity Fund, was created by the request of anonymous donations of \$12,000) for enhancing our marketing presence in Tucson. Additional funds continue to be added. We redeveloped our website from this fund and have increased our marketing presence by purchasing advertising in several different publications. We also purchased video equipment for livestreaming. #Opportunity Funds were used for new minister search expenses

☼ We benefitted from a number of very generous donations this past year, as well as not spending funds we didn't have on a paid administrator, or Sunday Celebration Service space (until June 2022).

☺ The Board placed \$25,000 of our Facility Fund with the Science of Mind Foundation as an endowment investment. The market has had a tough year. We expect it to recover and grow. Currently, it is just about back to its original value.

The Board of Trustees, Maria Schuchardt, Chair

In the last year, each Trustee served as liaison to a number of teams/circles and/or events. That meant that in addition to specific board activities, each board member supported other groups within our Center.

Volunteer service is coordinated by individual team leaders and encouraged during membership classes. Each individual is encouraged to find his/her niche through volunteering in our Center. We know each person has an opportunity to experience a greater sense of connectedness through belonging to a service team and/or a social group.

Specific Areas of Focus:

- Maria Schuchardt, Chair: Trustees, Hospitality, Wall Calendar with Mariann, Youth Ministry, Hosts, Facebook, Instagram.
- Janet Salese, Treasurer: Sacred Cinema, Full Moon Labyrinth Walk, Funding Team/Stewardship Directory, Greeters, Prosperity Mastermind Group, Bookstore,
- Mariann Moery, Newsletter, Marketing and Communication, Photography, Videography, online presence
- Sharon Whealy, RScP, Guest Speakers, Practitioner lead
- Chris Wheeler, Vice-Chair: Visioning, Men's Group
- Madeline Pallanes, Secretary: Outreach, Membership, Social celebrations
- Linda Bullock: Liaison to CSL Member Council & Spiritual Circles
- Rev. Rhoni Tretsven: *Spiritual Leader: Ecclesiastical Core, Practitioner Core, Visioning, Education responsible for the overall Sunday Celebration experience, incl. Music and Altered States. Focus Area: Education.*

Key events this past year included: Maria (October to October)

- It's hard to believe all that has happened within the past year.
- In October 2023 the CSLT the nominating committee: (Mariann Moery, chair, Linda Bullock, co-chair, Marya Wheeler, Tamara Morrison, Pat Masters, Michael Zimmerman, Sharon Whealy, RScP, Maria Schuchardt, RScP) were still in the process of searching for minister candidates.

Rev Rhoni Tretsven applied for the minister position and was initially interviewed on Zoom by the board and nominating committee on November 13. She visited Tucson on the weekend of December 9 where she met in person with the board and nominating committee. She gave the Sunday talk on December 10, 2023. On December 17 Rev. Rhoni Tretsven was unanimously voted in as our new Senior Minister. She ushered the beginning of 2024 with a talk on Dec. 21.

From October 2023 to January 2024 Sharon Whealy, RScP took on the responsibility of finding speakers for Sunday service. The talks were based on CSL global themes and given by guest speakers: Sharon Whealy, RScP, Alexandra Musser, RScP, Rev. Donna Smith, Cerise Patron also musical guest, Rev. Nita Strauss, Pat Masters, Rev. Joy Lovejoy, Rachel Satori, RScP, Rev Rhonda Tretsven, Ethel Lee-Miller, and Tamara Morrison. Thank you, Sharon, for taking the responsibility from March to December 2023, of finding and providing speakers each month, as well as speaking.

Visioning for community January, Friday 26th (Hybrid) and Saturday, January 27th in person at the office.. "Opening and Expanding into the Mystery..." is our intention for the year.

Bookstore table is available at Service twice a month.

Music Program: David Prouty retired May 26th as musical director. There was a beautiful gratitude gathering in the LTW courtyard. Michael Zimmerman became musical director.

The CSLT office made it through being hacked twice and bought a new computer. We also gently evicted a family of rock squirrels living under the building. They were captured and a new home was found for them.

Transitions: Robert Prater and Pat Masters transitioned this year. A presence in our community since the 1970's, Our beloved Pat Masters transitioned on June 5. A celebration of life was held at Unity. A bell was purchased in her honor and is part of Altared States at Sunday Services.

Robert participated in classes and Services usually from a distance, but always with a thoughtful contribution to discussions

Rituals & Celebrations. Our Endings and Beginnings ritual was led by Rev Rhoni and Maria Schuchardt, RScP at Sunday Service on Dec. 31 (Divine right timing).

Activities that will continue as long as there is interest: (detailed reports below)

- Daily morning practice (Zoom)
- Monthly Movie Discussion Group – Marya Wheeler took over as leader (Zoom)
- Mastermind Group meets monthly (Zoom) – Janet Salese Team Lead.
- A variety of classes with different facilitators (Zoom)
- Monthly full moon labyrinth walk ended in August. Janet Salese facilitated this activity the past four years (in person)
- Lunch Bunch re-convened, 4th Sunday at Basha's (Ft Lowell & Swan) after Services (in-person hosted by Madeline Pallanes)
- The Men's group meets at the office again (in person)
- Gratitude Rain Shower (Zoom)
- Vision Core (Zoom)
- This Thing Called You ongoing class with Robie-Jean
- Wednesday evening Groups: T'ai Chi currently

Ecclesiastical- Rev Rhoni

ECCLESIASTICAL CORE Submitted by Rev Rhonda

1. Continuing to monitor PM progress/Pastoral Care
2. Wisdom Wednesdays
3. Practitioners: Sharon Whealy, RScP and Maria Schuchardt, RScP, Ruth Starwell, RScP, Robie-Jean Chandler, ELSP and Tamara Morrison, ELSP are our practitioners, leading

meditation and performing platform practitioner duties. Sharon Whealy, RScP continues to give Sunday talks when asked.

4. Project: Michael Z has us all involved in creating chants, meditations, readings, feel good stuff to post on Facebook, YouTube, and Website. This is designed to draw people into our website and our Sunday celebrations. Create interest.
5. Robie-Jean is facilitating a book study on Thursdays – *This Thing Called You*
6. Prayer Requests are being handled by the Practitioner of the Day/Sunday. These are then sent out to the core for continued prayer.

Education Team Rev Rhoni:

The following is a list of classes that were given over the year:

Foundations, Rev Rhoni

Enneagram, Jeff Jackson 9 people, 11 weeks

Book Study *This Thing Called You* facilitated by Robie-Jean Chandler, Thursdays, ongoing.

Visioning

Membership

Ideas for 2024 – 2025

- Camino Blanco
- Social times after Service
- Prosperity
- Robie-Jean Spiritual Mind Treatment
- Certificated classes with Practitioners Facilitating. Community Outreach
- Thanksgiving potluck
- Non-Certificated classes

-Team Reports –

Altared States Team – Barbara Arissa, Leader, Mariann Moery, Liaison

Altared states does an incredible job every Sunday morning: creating beautiful settings for Service and quickly tidying afterward. They have lost two important member this year: Pat Masters and then Janie Hooper moving away. Current Members Barbara Arissa, Marya Wheeler and Michelle Amado.

Music Team – Michael Zimmerman, Team Leader

Paid Guest Musicians included: Celia Farran at Service & Concert, Cerise Patron and Greg Wakefield with special appearances by Leona Freeman, Abby Mello, Kristen Zimmerman, Lynelle Joy Schrag and Bob Capetta.

Maria Schuchardt, Board Chair – Team Reports

Hospitality Team: CSLT has not had potlucks since the beginning of 2020. Madeline hosts lunch bunch once a month. Details in her team report.

Host Team – Marya Wheeler, Team Leader: The Host welcomes the congregation to our service and sets our intentions for the service by repeating the Opening statement concerning our sacred space and shared One Life. The Host also shares announcements and prompts the congregation to greet each other in-person and on Zoom, ask everyone to wave and give virtual hugs. Team members over the past year: Jeff Jackson, Pat Masters, Linda Bullock, Morgana Campbell and Marya Wheeler.

Youth Program: Marya Wheeler, Team Leader: With our return to in-person services, it is possible for us to have youth services on Sunday mornings. We'd love to attract three additional youth facilitators who truly have a heart for supporting our youth in growing in the Science of Mind principles, and in developing as wise, grounded, young people aware of their wholeness.

Janet Salese, Board Treasurer – Liaison Team Reports

Greeters: Janet Salese, Coordinator: Janet was assisted by Michelle Amado, Jane Hooper, Jeff Jackson, Tamara Morrison and Sandra Schneider. They set up the lobby and welcome those coming to service. In lieu of the newcomer team, they hand out newcomer packets and encourage new attendees to sign the guest book. Beginning in August, they, along with the Board Member in Charge for the day count and record donations that are sent to the office.

Sacred Cinema: Marya Wheeler, Leader: This is an online Sacred Cinema Discussion Group. Participants watch the movie on their own, then come together on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm via Zoom to discuss the movie. The movie of the month is announced in the weekly newsletter. 3-4 participants attend regularly. The movies this past year were:

October 15 *What the Bleep!?: Down the Rabbit Hole.*

November 19: *Rashomon*

December 17: *It's A Wonderful Life and A Boy Named Christmas*

No movie in January.

February 18: *Milford Graves Full Mantis.*

March 17: *Ram Dass, Going Home and NOVA, Hunting the Hidden Dimension*

April 14: *The Art of Racing in the Rain.*

May and June Sacred Cinema did not meet because of Enneagram class being held on Sunday.

July 22: *Wizard of Oz*

August 18: *Leading Neuroscientist: How Intuition, Your 6th Sense & Manifestation ACTUALLY Work* Dr. Tara Swart.

MasterMind Group (formally Prosperity MasterMind): Marya Wheeler, Leader: The group continues to meet twice a month on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1pm. 4-5 individuals participate regularly. Good results have been experienced by all participants. The group is open to anyone who would like to participate.

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk: Janet Salese, Leader: Janet has led these walks that took place at the Unity of Tucson's outdoor labyrinth on full moon evenings for 4 years. There had been a decline in regular attendance. Many non-CSLT participants were finding us through Natural Awakenings, many non-residents just visiting. Attendance varied from 1-8, with an average of 4 for the past several months. August was the last regular monthly walk.

Lending Library: Ethel Lee-Miller, Coordinator: Ethel has lovingly taken charge of the lending library at the office. Thousands of books, audiobooks, movie and music CD's were organized and are available to be borrowed. Another open house will be held possibly in the fall to show them off.

Bookstore: The year started out with Ethel Lee-Miller in charge of the on-site bookstore table. Books, calendars and Science of Mind magazines were offered. It went on hiatus and was resumed in June. At Service the board member in charge is responsible for bookstore setup and sales on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Rev. Rhoni is in charge of selecting the books to be included.

Directory: As of February, there were 34 individuals included in the CSLT directory which is sent out by email to those participating in it. Janet has turned this responsibility over to Rev. Rhoni who had asked that birthdays be included.

CSLT Creatives: The group no longer meets regularly, occasional special sessions.

Chris Wheeler, Board Vice-Chair – Team Report

Vision Core: Vision core meets the first Tuesday of each month on Zoom at 6:30. The Vision Core participants visioned on "the highest vision, highest ideal for CSL Tucson. All are welcome to observe the process; anyone who has been trained in the visioning process is welcome to participate.

Men's Group: Meets at the office every other Thursday. Currently the group is not accepting new members. If there is sufficient interest another group can be formed, and group specifics can be determined.

Madeline Pallanes, Secretary – Liaison Team Reports

Lunch Bunch: Lunch bunch has continued to meet this past year on the 4th Sunday of each month, directly after service. About 12 of us come together at the food court in Basha's located at Swan & Camp Lowell. Basha's deli offers a wide variety of food choices, along with a seating/table area that meets our needs. Lunch bunch is more than just good food. It has been an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and connect and support each other in conversation, in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Morning Zoom Meditation:

This meditation practice has been in place and has continued on Zoom for well over 4 1/2 years. We meet Monday through Saturday each morning starting at 8:30 and usually end around 9:15 to 9:30. There are approximately 12 regular attendees that join in, although not everyone on the same day. 6 of these regular attendees share the responsibility of choosing the reading and closing prayer for the day. Each day we check in with each other, read the chosen message of the day, take a 10-minute unstructured meditation of our own choice, then have a discussion of the reading. We close with a prayer.

Regular participants appreciate the sense of community and connection we feel, even in a virtual setting. The convenience of joining from our homes makes it easier for those to participate regularly regardless if they are here, in Washington, Michigan or Florida. We find it comforting to share our journeys with each other. This support helps us to say committed to our SOM teachings and practices. Overall, we have created a safe and welcoming space for spiritual growth and connection. We welcome all who would like to attend.

Mariann Moery - Marketing/Communication Team (MarCom)

CSLT Online

Zoom account: There is one CSLT Zoom account. This account is active every week with classes, morning meditation, meetings and more gatherings of the CSLT community.

YouTube: Last year instead of livestreaming to YouTube and Zoom at the same time on Sunday morning, we changed to recording the talk on Zoom, then uploading the recording on YouTube. Thank you to Susan Clouser for being the host on Zoom Sunday morning!

In July 2024 we began to livestream to YouTube our complete Service each Sunday. Recordings are available immediately after Service for viewing. We have an average of 8 viewers during Service and total viewers average 66 for Services

YouTube is the repository not only for our recordings of Sunday Service but also for other videos and meditations created by Rev. Rhonda, the Practitioners and Michael Zimmerman as Music Director.

Since November last year our subscribers have grown by over 30%.

Facebook: 1,077 followers with 997 likes.

Instagram: 249 posts 164 followers, 95 following.

Website: The website continues to be the landing place for online searches related to CSL and CSLT. Minor updating has occurred with more being planned.

Newsletter: Emails every Wednesday to 550 plus subscribers, with an excellent open rate of 50%.

Marketing: We maintain a monthly schedule of ads in Natural Awakenings which includes our Weekly Service, Full-moon labyrinth (ended in August), Gratitude Rain Showers and multi-week classes and longer promotion pieces for better-known speakers. The ads create awareness and invite people to visit and learn.

Annual CSLT Wall Calendar: Mariann is continuing with the tradition of creating a wall calendar for the upcoming year consisting of photography, artwork, and writing by CSLT members and by New Thought thinkers.

Election of Board Members

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Because Board members extended their terms during the Search for our new Minister, the rotation has lost its pattern. This year we have 3 people continuing for only one year, and new member(s) beginning the return to our old pattern.

We have three seats open. Two for 3 years and one for a 2-year terms. We'll be taking nominations from the floor from interested, qualified parties. Those interested in, and qualified to serve on the CSL Tucson Board may briefly address the congregation during the Annual meeting on October 13th. (Our candidate(s) will need to be nominated from the floor.)

To be considered qualified for Board service (from the Bylaws, posted on the tucsoncsl.org website), a candidate must: be loyal, financially supporting and an active member of the Center; be willing to accept the responsibilities of membership on the Board of Trustees; not be related to, nor have a live-in relationship with a member of the Board of Trustees, or with an employee of the Center; have completed 60 hours or its equivalent of Science of Mind certificated class work, one class of which must be "Foundations of The Science of Mind," or as determined by the Minister (it is strongly encouraged that the prospective Board members have also successfully completed "Visioning"); not be compensated for their Board service (except for the Minister); and have been a member of The Center no less than 6 months. Board members must also successfully complete a criminal background check, which will be paid for by the Center.

Following the election of Sharon Whealy to the Board there was a new business presentation on a potential move to a combined campus.

Sacred Covenant became Sacred Welcoming

There is only One Life! That Life is God's Life! That Life is Perfect. That Life is my Life Now! In knowing that I am 'one' with this Life that is God...I therefore know that I am 'one' with all of its blessed expressions, which includes the Presence of a New Minister for My beloved Spiritual Community.

Because I know that the highest Purpose of my New Minister is to express Spirit, I therefore know that my New Minister is a Revelation of Spirit as: **Wholeness**. I further know that my New Minister is the fulfillment of that which has been promised by God, for it is written:

Happiness and Wholeness fill my entire being with the realization of Love and Perfection.

As I stand in agreement with my beloved Community, I see my New Minister revealed before me as my joyful, vibrant community leader.

I now intend to experience my New Minister in full cooperation and agreement with my Community, knowing this Truth about myself, for ...

I am inspiring and motivating the experience of wholeness and love

I am revealing the divinity and wisdom within me

I am leading in the realization of truth and love

I am facilitating, supporting and expanding a diverse selection of classes

I am providing a nurturing, vibrant community welcoming all

As I now accept the highest expression of a New Minister into my life, I know that they will be revealed in a way that will express Spirit and serve the highest and greatest good of all who are touched by their Presence.

I am grateful God is gracious.

And so It is.