

## THE US GRAIL COUNCIL



**Vision:** Called by our spiritual values, The Grail envisions a world of peace, justice and renewal of the earth, brought about by women working together as catalysts for change.

**Mission Goals:** The Grail in the U.S. empowers women to work for world transformation by: building bridges among diverse faith traditions and spiritual paths, advancing peace, justice and a world free from military dominance, fostering international exchange and solidarity, challenging economic systems that put at risk the most vulnerable, especially women and children, creating communities for a sustainable future, celebrating the arts as a means for personal and societal transformation

**Resolutions:** To become antiracist internally and externally viewing all our activities through an antiracist lens. Rebuilding the Grail's spiritual core in community.

**3.5.2019:** Present: Deborah Sullivan, April Goering, Lucy Jones, Renee Wormack-Keels, Sally Timmel, Judy Alves, Pamela Cobey.

Time	Facilitator: Renee		Topic
	Presenter:		
5 min	<u>Judy</u>		<b>Centering Prayer:</b>
			<b>Discussion/s:</b>
10 min 15	<u>Deborah</u>		1) Report from ED on GV, CW and National Office
2 min 17	<u>Renee</u>		2) Review of timeline and Tasks:
15 min 32	<u>Renee</u>		2.1 Regionals
10 min 42	<u>Renee</u>		2.2 Antiracism Retreat
5 min 47	<u>Sally</u>		2.3 Capacity Survey
10 min 57	<u>April and Lucy</u>		2.4 CW Proposal
10 min 67	<u>Pam and Lucy</u>		2.5 YWI

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5 min 72	<u>Judy</u>	2.6 Conceptual Paper on Mission Fund
2 min 74	<u>Deborah</u>	2.7 Bylaws changes
15 min 89	<u>All: Renee facilitating</u>	3) August 2019 Council Elections
10 min 99	<u>Pam</u>	4) Any Committee updates? GVIC, Personnel, MDET, ECWG, Archives, Cemetery, Communications, Finance.
10 min 109	<u>Lucy</u>	5) Report from International if need for update
5 min 114	<u>April</u>	6) Final 2019 Budget
<p>1) Report from ED on GV, CW and National Office: Need new giving form acknowledging US Grail as one entity—cannot designate a gift to a center and need to look at rationality of US Grail as a pass-through entity for deposits for organizations that have become their own 501C3 to which members can donate directly. Also need to look at designating money to small international Grail projects rather than designating it to the larger entity and allowing them to use funds as they choose—e.g. to Tanzanian Grail rather than to rabbits for girls in the school at the Tanzanian Grail.  <b><u>Vote/Decision:</u></b> Finance Committee will review this and make a recommendation. They will consult as well with MDET.</p> <p>2) Review of Timeline and Tasks:                  2.1 Regionals:  <b><u>Vote/Decision:</u></b> <u>Deborah and Pam</u> to come up with a plan to present at the April face-to-face meeting to invite 2 regional representatives at a time to a Council call to address regional concerns. Reps will be asked to send us their concerns to Council ahead of time. Council will consider the concerns and address them during a designated portion of a conference call.</p> <p>2.2 Antiracism Retreat:  <b><u>Decision:</u></b> Date is set for September 12-15, but place is still under consideration.</p>		

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2.3	Capacity Survey:	<p><b>Vote/Decision:</b> Announce survey one last time and close survey at appropriate period after (usually 2 weeks.) Review results in April meeting.</p>
2.4	CW Proposal:	<p>Questions about CW are advisably referred to <u>April and Lucy</u>. <b>Vote/Decision:</b> none</p>
2.5	Young Women’s Initiative:	<p>2 changes in mandates requested: 1) The group will be antiracist and anti-oppressive from inception including representation around the table. 2) The group will be inter-spiritual in a shifting religious landscape. <b>Vote/Decision:</b> Council approved of changes to mandate.</p>
2.6	Conceptual Paper on Mission Fund:	<p><b>Vote/Decision:</b> This concept paper is being prepared to provide information should a Mission Fund be a direction the Grail chooses to pursue in the future.</p>
2.7	Bylaws changes:	<p>Amendments posted in National Grail news for 30 days, after which time Council can vote for the acceptance the amendments. <b>Vote/Decision:</b> none.</p>
3)	August 2019 Council Elections:	<p><b>Vote/Decision:</b> <u>April and Deborah</u> will devise a plan to present in April meeting for getting candidates for leadership for August election as well as plan for bringing in ex-officio women of color and from diverse spiritual traditions.</p>
4)	Committee updates:	<p><b>Vote/Decision:</b> None</p>
5)	Report from International if need for update:	<p><b>Vote/Decision:</b> Council can submit topics for the International Agenda to Lucy.</p>

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6) Final 2019 Budget: approved as amended. <b>Votes/Decisions:</b> none needed as it was approved as amended at last Council meeting.					
2 min 116	<u>Renee</u>	Mop-up: What not covered? What worked? What did not?			
2 min 119	<u>Judy</u>	Ending Gratitude/prayer			
<p><u>Next Council Meeting Date and Time:</u> April 11 6pm to April 14 at 4pm.  <u>Next Council Notes:</u>  <b>All liaisons</b> please follow-up with pertinent communication to committees                      Minutes: approved ✓</p>					

**NEXT FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS:**

April:

Arrive: April 11 6pm

Start: 6pm dinner and 8 pm sharing then 8 am April 12 with business agenda

End: 4 pm April 14

Location: Tidings