

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.

Date: 5.6.2019. **Present:** Judy Alves, Pamela Cobey, April Goering, Lucy Jones, Deborah Sullivan, Sally Timmel, Renee Wormack-Keels

Facilitator and Time Keeper: Renee Wormack-Keels

Time: Running total time lower right	Topic and Presenter	Focus Question	Desired Outcome
4:30 15" 15"	Centering Presenter: Lucy	Am I able to be present?	Listening to the Spirit. Hearts are ready for generative listening and conversation.
4:45 15" 15" 15" 5" 10" 5" 1'20"	Discussion/s & Updates: 1. Topic: Timeline. See Rpt. Presenter: Renee-Wormack Keels 2. Topic: Elections. See Rpt. Presenter/s: Deborah and April 3. Topic: CW update. See Rpt. Presenter: Lucy and April 4. Urban League Grant. See Rpt. Presenter: Pam 5. Mission Fund Exploration See Rpt. Presenter: Deborah and Judy 6. Update on Practice of Hospitality Presenter: Deborah See Rpt.	What are your topical questions? 1. Focus: Where are we w/Timeline? 2. Focus: Update 3. Focus: Update 4. Focus: Update 5. Focus: Discussion 6. Focus: Update	All informed and concerns voiced. 1. Desired Outcome: Timeline Reconciled 2. Desired Outcome: Understanding & on time 3. Desired Outcome: Understanding & on time 4. Desired Outcome: Understanding & on time 5. Desired Outcome: Resolution/plan 6. Desired Outcome: Understanding & on time

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Important Points to Remember:			
1. Topic: Timeline: On behalf of the Antiracism Workshop Planning Committee, Renee asks that elections be put off until following the Antiracism Workshop in September.			
2. Topic: Elections: See report. Goal is to create a slate of candidates. Telephone calls to members are in the planning process and are timed with the vote to go out on CW. Members will be questioned about what they think about issues, who they think would make good Council members and will be given opportunity for questions.			
3. Topic: CW Update: See report. CW proposal supporters sent in articles, which were published in today's Gumbo with a response from Lucy on behalf of Council. CW timeline and deficit were posted in Gumbo as well. Awaiting response from Ieva and Joy by May 7 re: decision to have a facilitated meeting with Council and Grail members to be held in the NY region on May 25 to provide an opportunity for sharing but without opportunity for debate or negotiation. April and Lucy will write a response after decision received so that we all share the same information in our conversations with members.			
4. Topic: Urban League Grant: See report. Question raised re: use of word grant. One member noted that word grant can be used because they can be given arbitrarily. Also suggest use of word "award" as in <i>we are awarding x dollars</i> . Noted that Urban League has in writing that we are not a grant-funding institution. Noted that expenses will be noted in their program/financial report on August 31.			
5. Topic: Mission Fund Exploration: Reported that Terrie Carter prematurely sent out a questionnaire to regional representatives and that she followed it up with a note to put request on pause. Though uncomfortable that this happened, will let it be.			
6. Topic: Update on Practice of Hospitality: Process for putting in place logistics have not begun.			
Decisions/Votes:			
1. Topic: Timeline. Decision/Vote: Deborah, April, Judy and a representative from the Antiracism Workshop Planning Committee will discuss strategy re: Council elections as requested by Antiracism group.			
2. Topic: Elections. Decision/Vote: as noted above. Nothing more.			
3. Topic: CW Update. Decision/Vote: Up to date. None			
4. Topic: Urban League Grant. Decision/Vote: Up to date. None			
5. Topic: Mission Fund Exploration. Decision/Vote: Up to date. None.			

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6. Topic: Update on Practice of Hospitality: Will report on logistics for practice of hospitality at June meeting and commence practice in July.			
Time: 4:45 10" 1:30"	Unfinished business Facilitator	What is left unfinished?	Unfinished business is noted
Unfinished Business: Change in June meeting from June 3 to June 10 at 4:30 PM EST. Need another Council Note for May 17. Will publish Lucy's Gumbo response to CW proposers and any follow-up re: May 25 meeting or non-meeting.			
Time: 4:55 10" 1:40"	Next Steps Facilitator	What are our next steps? Who does what by when?	Every action has a person responsible and a deadline.
Next Steps: as noted.			
Time: 5:05 5" 1:45"	Evaluation Facilitator	What is working? What do we want to change?	Continuous improvement.
Evaluation: Zoom was confusing. Will send out invite on Monday right before each meeting with bold clear steps for using online or on phone.			
Time: 5:10 5" 1:50"	Closing Presenter: Lucy Jones	Was I able to be present?	Meeting in which we were centered and listening. Commitment to abide by the sense of the meeting at large.

Next Council Meeting / Zoom Conference Call:

Date: June 10
Time: 4:30 PM

NEXT FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS:

October 17-20, 2019, Cincinnati, OH Start: 6pm. End: 4PM
January 23-26, 2020, Albuquerque, NM Start: 6pm. End: 4PM
April 23-26, 2020 place Tidings Start: 6pm. End: 4PM

Zoom Directions. Via computer or smartphone: Click on link in email to connect to the conference call.

Via regular phone: Dial the number +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) or +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) or +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) then enter the meeting ID which will be sent to you before the meeting.