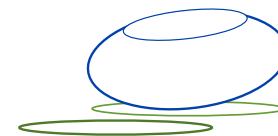


THE US GRAIL COUNCIL



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: 6.10.2019. **Present:** April Goering, Deborah Sullivan, Judy Alves, Lucy, Jones, Pamela Cobey, Renee Wormack-Keels, Sally Timmel, Terrie Puckett

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: Judy	Am I able to be present?	Listening to the Spirit. Hearts are ready for generative listening and conversation.
4:45 15" 30" 15" 5" 5" 10" 90"	Discussion/s & Updates: 1. Topic: CW Meeting Verbal Rpt. Presenter: April 2. Topic: Next steps for CW Verbal Rpt. Presenter: April 3. Topic: Questions from group exploring a mission fund Verbal Rpt. Presenter: Judy 4. Topic: ED summary Written Rpt. Presenter: Renee will shepherd ?s 5. Gumbo Response Verbal Rpt. Presenter: Pam and April 6. Topic: Financial Reports. Sent. Presenter: April	What are your topical questions? 1. Focus: Understanding what happened 2. Focus: Discuss recommendations / Barbara Stanbridge and make decision 3. Focus: What is the process? 4. Focus: Any questions 5. Focus: How to respond 6. Focus: Understanding	All informed and concerns voiced. 1. Desired Outcome: understand 2. Desired Outcome: know options and decide next steps 3. Desired Outcome: response to group 4. Desired Outcome: understand 5. Desired Outcome: Decision 6. All will have read ahead and all questions answered.
Important Points to Remember: 1. Topic: CW Meeting:			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 25 at home of Sharon Joslyn and Mary Kay Louchart in the South Bronx. • 20 attended in person and 2 attended virtually. • Joy Garland stayed downstairs to pray during the meeting. • The report is in Gumbo for 6.11.2019. • Facilitator Barbara Stanbridge even-handed and well-appreciated. • Emphasis on listening to each other with process of small groups of 4-5 sharing on 3 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you see related to Cornwall? • What do you see in the wider world related to Cornwall? • What is the meaning you make of this? • Group members were asked to share one thing they heard from someone else in the group that they wanted others in the larger group to hear. • At one point in the afternoon both Council and the Cornwall Proposers shared in order to answer questions that were raised in the course of the day. • All in all, there was not much in terms of change of heart or stance following the meeting, but all in all members and Council felt it was good to be together. • Ieva Zadina, Trina Paulus and Judith Defour Howard have written from their perspectives following the meeting for publication in the Gumbo 6.12.2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that the charges Judith DeFour Howard made re: Council not following Grail organizational goals were made using 2009 GA goals that have since been overturned. • Several other Grail members have written re: their position on the disposition of Cornwall for Gumbo 6.12.2019. • After the meeting April called Ieva to check in with her. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ieva noted appreciation for the meeting and for our facilitator, finding the meeting and facilitator helpful. • She noted regret at not having taken Council up on our invitation for contact during the time in which they were attempting to put together a viable proposal. 		
2. Topic: Next Steps for CW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sally</u> will write a draft response to Ieva Zadina and Joy Garland to be sent for edit to April and Lucy noting heart-felt appreciation for their efforts to create a proposal; prospects for a viable future for Cornwall have been exhausted over the past eight years and Council will not accept further proposals; in the absence of a viable proposal, the time has come for Council to move forward with next steps for the disposition/sale of Cornwall. • Ballot for sale out by August 31 with a vote by September 15. • Council is responsible for putting in place a communication strategy for a Ballot for a vote on the sale of Cornwall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will do combination of meeting with small groups and doing phone calls or video chats with those with whom we cannot meet • <u>Deborah and Pam</u> can meet with Ohians in small groups in various areas. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lucy and Pam</u> will talk: they can meet with New Yorkers in small groups. • <u>Sally and April</u> will talk: re: meeting with/calling SW members. • <u>Pam</u> will make spiral bound flip charts with data to use for small meetings. (Can also make power point with same data that could be screen-shared with a video chat.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot materials are already prepared. • For the Record: Sally would like another group to put out the ballot rather than Council. • Aside: Formerly Emily Thomas, Lucy Jones, Maureen Laughlin, and Patricia Smith agreed to be on a CW Implementation Task Force if the property sold. The job description was created and approved at that time. Lucy declines to be a member of such a task force at this time. 		
	<p>3. Topic: Questions from Terri Carter re: group exploring the creation of a mission fund at some point in the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task as seen by Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and Evaluate advantages and disadvantages of different options for a fund • Identify and evaluate the process/es needed to create options • Based on the findings, make recommendations to Council on the advisability for creating a fund and the steps that it would take to implement the option/s • Premature to get input from membership. • <u>Deborah</u> will share this with Terri Carter. 		
	<p>4. Topic: ED Summary: Clear written summary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note Grail audit process begins 6.12.2019. 		
	<p>5. Topic: Financial Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom line on aggregate: less loss than anticipated at this point in the year • Substantial bequest from Lyllis Ling • Membership giving is on target (what was expected) • Kelly Lipp greatly appreciated 		
	<p>Decisions/Votes:</p> <p>1. Topic: CW Meeting. Decision/Vote: None. (Report only.)</p> <p>2. Topic: Next steps for CW. Decision/Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal response to Ieva Zadina and Joy Garland. • Ballot on sale of CW will go forward. • Council will proceed with communication with members 		

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<p>3. Topic: Questions from Terri Carter re: group exploring the creation of a mission fund at some point in the future: Decision/Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define and Evaluate advantages and disadvantages of different options for a fund • Identify and evaluate the process/es needed to create options • Based on the findings, make recommendations to Council on the advisability for creating a fund and the steps that it would take to implement the option/s • Other steps would be premature. <p>4. Topic: ED Summary. Decision/Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ok to explore repatriation of art. • OK for draft budget to be done in August. Understand may be amended for e.g. changes following anti-racism retreat. • Anti-racism Committee will ask for additional funds if needed by mid July. <p>5. Topic: Financial Report Decision/Vote: none</p>			
Time: 15 105"	Unfinished business Facilitator	What is left unfinished?	Unfinished business is noted
<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Young Women's Initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They raised some questions rt their work: e.g. a vote on their final proposal: these questions are premature • We need to make clear that we encourage them to consider new models as we are in a time of transition: the old model in which there are conference and retreat centers/ property ownership has proven unsustainable in these times (can use Why Questions surfaced in CW meeting) and Council's next steps re: disposition of Cornwall. We do not have to own property to meet. • Noted that soil testing for south side of GV finished. Schools are ready to move forward quickly. 			
Time:10" 115"	Next Steps Facilitator	What are our next steps? Who does what by when?	Every action has a person responsible and a deadline.
<p>Next Steps: <u>Sally</u> proposes a Grail Discussion on Death and Dying.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Renee</u> suggests Grail teaching re: same: both individually and as an organization. • Question: is this the role of Council or of the community/organization in a larger context? • <u>Pam</u> will put on discussion on agenda for next Council meeting 			
Time:5" 120"	Evaluation Facilitator	What is working? What do we want to change?	Continuous improvement.
Evaluation: Chaotic at times. Talking over each other			
Time:5" 125"	Closing Presenter: Judy	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: Tuesday: 7/9/2019

Time: 4:30-6:30 EST

NEXT FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS:

October 17-20, 2019, Cincinnati, OH Start: 6pm. End: 4PM

January 23-26, 2020, Tidings Start: 6pm. End: 4PM

April 23-26, 2020 place Albuquerque, NM 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.