

## 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:** 10.7.2019. **Present:** Deborah Sullivan, Sally Timmel, Renee Wormack-Keels, Marian April Goering, Judy Alves, Lucy Jones, Pamela Cobey, Terrie Puckett

**Facilitator and Time Keeper:** Renee Wormack-Keels

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<b>4:30</b> 15" <b>15"</b>	Centering Presenter: Pam	Am I able to be present?	Listening to the Spirit. Hearts are ready for generative listening and conversation.
<b>4:45</b> 20" 20" 20" <b>1'15"</b>	Discussion/s & Updates: 1. Topic: CW ballot Presenter: April, Lucy 2. Topic: Council Elections Presenter: Deborah 3. Topic: Agenda for Face to Face <b>See Agenda.</b>	What are your topical questions? 1. Focus: Is there anything we can do toward attaining a positive outcome? 2. Focus: Update. Discuss options: there is 1 less candidate than positions. 3. Focus: Is there anything we must amend?	All informed and concerns voiced. 1. Desired Outcome: Do all we can 2. Desired Outcome: Agree on plan. 3. Desired Outcome: Agreement on agenda 4.

### **Important Points to Remember:**

1. Topic: CW ballot
  - Desperation among CW supporters is evident
  - Council email blast today as timely as possible. Checked by 3 Council members. One member noted importance of inclusivity of all members of Council. Group did best under constraints in place.
  - One member suggested in hindsight that ballot could have been sent to GVIC for review
  - Renee has met w/ antiracism group and some members of that group wanted to stop and nullify the vote to listen to WOC who do not want

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	<p>to sell CW. She abstained and did not support efforts to stop vote, noting that we have been here before and it is not healthy to go back. No viable proposal for Grail mission use for CW. Another \$50,000 to delay another year. The antiracism group was uncomfortable putting out a statement that Renee would not sign on to and thus did not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that not all WOC signed letter from WOC wanting to keep CW.</li> <li>• Noted that letter was generated by Trina’s computer.</li> <li>• White women in Grail feel in a bind that to vote yes to sell CW is racist as it goes against request by WOC to keep it.</li> <li>• Goal is not to break relationship among WOC.</li> <li>• Wait and see.</li> </ul> <p>2. Topic: Council Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judith Defour Howard and Deborah Sullivan are only candidates</li> <li>• One position short.</li> <li>• Ballot did not go out today due to computer problems at National Office</li> <li>• Will wait for ballot to go out until October 11 after CW ballot is in.</li> </ul> <p>3. Topic: Agenda for Face to Face</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One member would like to add STEAM program discussion to agenda.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question raised about the source of Grail funds from which the money came for STEAM.</li> <li>• Objection noted to calling donation to that program an antiracist program—in reality it is a donation to fund educational programming for a program that primarily serves children of color.</li> <li>• The Antiracism Working Group needs to move at a slow enough pace to allow deep work and will begin with looking at policies, procedures and structures. They will be bringing on new members.</li> <li>• One member wishes to discuss involvement of Grail in work associated with STEAM.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sally will join meeting via conference call for council discussion of mission fund and for CW discussion.</li> <li>• Judy will not be attending meeting on Sunday.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Decisions/Votes:</b></p> <p>1. Topic: CW ballot. Decision/Vote: Wait and See.</p> <p>2. Topic: Council Elections. Decision/Vote: Ballot will go out on October 11.</p> <p>3. Topic: Agenda for Face to Face. Decision/Vote: Add STEAM discussion.</p>		

**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.

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