

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: 7.23.2019 **Present:** Marian 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: Pam	Am I able to be present?	Listening to the Spirit. Hearts are ready for generative listening and conversation.
4:45 10" 4:55 15" 5:10 10" 5:20 15" 5:35 10" 5:45	Discussion/s & Updates: 1. Topic: ED Report See Rpt. Presenter: Renee 2. Topic: GVIC See Rpt. Presenter: Sally 3. Topic: Grail positions on justice issues Presenter: Deborah 4. Topic: Council Elections See Rpt. Presenters: April and Deborah 5. Topic: Flip Chart Use for small gatherings in prep for CW See flip chart 6. Topic: Finance Report See Rpt. Presenter: April	What are your topical questions? 1. Focus: What are implied tasks for future? 2. Focus: Pros and Cons re: John Hill request to deconstruct HOJ and Hodio for salvage? 3. Focus: Plan for addressing timely Grail response to justice issues 4. Focus: Am I clear on plan and my part? 5. Focus: Do I understand use? 6. Am I clear on budget?	All informed and concerns voiced. 1. Desired Outcome: Note/assign our work 2. Desired Outcome: Decision 3. Desired Outcome: Beginning conversation: Should this be part of next GA? 4. Desired Outcome: Plan solidly in place with timely follow-through 5. Desired Outcome: All understand purpose/use. 6. 6. Understanding

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<p>Important Points to Remember:</p> <p>1. Topic: Ed Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local Cornwall published an article based on a conversation Terrie Puckett had with their mayor regarding the Cornwall property. • Benincasa: See NLT note from 7.3.2019. IF a lease were considered, it could be worked out with NY lawyer, Kevin Brennan. At present the community may have in mind donor/s for purchase but 990 does not indicate current sustainability for ongoing expenses. <p>2. Topic: GVIC Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See letter from John Hill re: request to deconstruct HOJ and Hodie • GVIC does not recommend deconstruction by Grail as could cause problems such as not knowing what you will find, Grail would have to oversee, having to be completely finished by time the school purchases property, there will be push-back no matter when done if we own it, and the knowledge that construction companies (such as will be hired by the Loveland Schools) do hire their own people to salvage parts for deconstruction and reimburse the seller for the profit they gain in salvage. <p>3. Topic: Grail Position on Justice Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest addressing this in next Grail GA • Sally volunteered to ask Carol Barton to work with her to create a template for making a policy/taking a stand. • Stands/policies can be created by groups in Grail that work on issues such as Grail response/s to anti-racism, climate change, welfare of women and girls, economic and social injustice/s etc. <p>4. Topic: Council Elections and 5. Flip Chart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List for calls was halted due to a glitch, now taken care of. • Script for calls will be sent with sign-up list for calls. • Calls will be made to some and/or small meetings of 4 participants and a Council member or two—coffee chat with use of flip chart. • Goal of meetings is to help Grail members see what we see/the reality of our current context. It is not to convince others related to what to do about it. We cannot continue to spin our wheels. • No meetings at Pilgrim Place, as Sally believes at PP much of the issues related to CW are around emotional attachment. They know the Grail reality and it does not necessarily change minds. They are fatigued by hearing reality yet again. • Places identified for meetings include: Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and NY. • Pam offered to go to NY for team with Lucy. • Deborah and Pam will do Ohio. • Lucy noted from her experience at the IC that many internationally do not yet see what we see/the reality of our current context. • No corrections were suggested for the flip chart as is. <p>6. Topic: Finance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Meeting this week. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will give full report at next Council meeting • Will ask Finance Committee about rate that 5th/3rd Bank charges to manage annuity funds. • Will discuss line item for the funding given to the Urban League to fund the Summer STEAM program at Woodward HS • Noted that the funding for STEAM addressed economic and social justice issues, but not issues of racism. • Noted that if we are to be an antiracist organization, our budget needs to reflect this. <p>Decisions/Votes:</p> <p>1. Topic: ED Report. Decision/Vote: None</p> <p>2. Topic: GVIC Report. Decision/Vote: All but one voted that the Grail leave deconstruction to the buyer.</p> <p>3. Topic: Grail Position on Justice Issues. Decision/Vote: Sally volunteered to ask Carol Barton to work with her to create a template for making a policy/taking a stand to be presented to Council in September, 2019.</p> <p>4. Topic: Council Elections and 5. Flip Chart Decision/Vote: Move forward with calls and planning meetings: Deborah and Pam for Ohio and Lucy and Pam for NY. Use flip chart for small meetings—4 members Grail plus presenter/s.</p> <p>6. Topic: Finance Report Decision/Vote: Finance Committee will ask broker about bank fees for management of annuity fund. Finance Committee will look at line item/s for funding. April will note with Finance Committee that budget needs to reflect antiracist resolution.</p>		
Time: 5" 6:05	Unfinished business Facilitator	What is left unfinished?	Unfinished business is noted
	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cincinnati regional meeting attendees this past weekend wondered if antiracism retreat and GA could be broadcast to them electronically at Pilgrim Place. • Terrie Puckett noted that Cindy Fletcher, site coordinator for Grail, is looking for sites with technology for such in future. • Terrie noted that most retreat sites do not have tech capacity for such, but hotels do and thus they are being considered as an option. • Renee notes that for antiracism retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some people will arrive for Friday am sessions but Saturday might not be an option. • Gathering begins on Thursday. • A letter is going out about retreat. • Renee explained that virtual attendance is not possible for this meeting as it is participatory and in small groups. • Numbers for Zoom are any of the following: 		

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Time: 10" 6:15	Next Steps Facilitator	What are our next steps? Who does what by when?	Every action has a person responsible and a deadline.
Next Steps: Follow-up as noted.			
Time: 5" 6:20	Evaluation Facilitator	What is working? What do we want to change?	Continuous improvement.
Evaluation: Better with Renee on call for facilitation			
Time: 5" 6:25	Closing Presenter: Pam	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: August 5, 2019

Time: 4:30 PM

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 10 minutes before the meeting. **In the event that you do not have access to email for the meeting ID** text Pam and she will text back the meeting ID.