

# U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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## UPDATES: The Grail

- PPP: The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan—forgiven. This will NOT show as new money in 2021 as it was received and spent in 2020. The balance sheet reflects the change from liability to asset.
- Flagel annual review is done. Have the 990 to review now. Should get it all done over next couple weeks and submitted. Good news—Flagel recommends only doing reviews (no more full audit in 3<sup>rd</sup> year) unless there is a major change to function/legal structure.
- Beginning the budgeting process. Will need the notices to committees about submitting proposals by end of July. August Council meeting should have 2 agenda items relating: 1 council goals for 2022 and 2. Review of the cte proposals so we know what to include in the budget for 2022. Recognizing that major change could come from GA 2021, keep in mind as you discuss planning for 2022 that we plan for what we know, and we adjust as we go when there are changes—that's why we have variances and notes.
- International Donation work committee came to a good conclusion. Thanh may have more to report, but the cte will help draft the end of year letters and annual giving forms to accurately reflect options...brought up that maybe this means a change in what counts as "giving" to The Grail for membership purposes. I suggested that conversation be had in collaboration with MDET Committee. There is a revised international gift fee policy for Council approve.
- Pfarr dog incident update...basically no update. Our lawyer said that they are working on a motion to dismiss all claims against The Grail which will be submitted by October. Court isn't scheduled until November.
- Drees—the first disbursement from the escrow was released. So like with the schools, a \$100,000 escrow account was set up so if Drees chose not to purchase, The Grail would receive compensation for NOT selling the land to others—basically holding it and paying for its basic upkeep. Unlike with the schools—which paid out only with the final decision not to buy—the Drees PA has set benchmark dates whereby if they do not sign final contract by each of those dates, a portion of the \$100k is disbursed to cover our costs to that point. So the first benchmark date passed and we received the \$25k disbursement today. Like the \$100k from schools, this goes to the Grailville account since that is where the expenses come from (mowing, security, etc.). This was a great addition to the PA.
- Financials—your packet has April and May getting us all caught up. As you all know, learning the complexity of the Grail financials is hard, so there will be some changes and corrections as Kathy comes up to speed. If you see something that you question—please point it out. We want to make sure we are following the historical trail but sometimes we are in error.
  - We have several large sums in or expected (the Drees disbursement and a couple bequests). The bequests will be applied per the asset policy.
  - Kathy's stipend hasn't been paid yet (we are tracking her time) because prepping for the Flagel review and learning the ins and outs takes a lot more time than simply doing the regular job and we want to make sure we budget appropriately based on "normal" work. We will pay her in a lump sum for the hours worked and then get her onto her "regular" stipend.
  - SYAWI started as noted so there will be jumps in the 5710 line (contractors/consultants) starting in June through August.

UPDATES: Cornwall

- Memorial Garden work days are going well, there was one stutter in the process but I hope we have worked through it. We hope the Grail members who are working on the Memorial Gardens understand and respect the boundaries of our agreement with RMM.
- PORCO still screwing up billing—despite several calls, letters, and emails. As of the beginning of May should have been fixed. Although thought it was fixed in February then came surprise bills in April... which we are not paying per the February conversations.
- The planned major maintenance for CW has been completed for 2021.

UPDATES: Loveland

- Break-ins on southside: a neighbor took photos of a group of boys entering and leaving St. Brigids. Police were told, and really long story short—nothing was done. The boys were identified by their school (St. Columban) and their parents were notified. We were not giving their names and none of the parents reached out to us after.
- Brought in a handyman to focus on securing the buildings on southside with multiple layers. He is doing a solid job. He also has handled some of the tasks that summer crew do have not skills for: trying to get the golf carts working for example. He also cleaned the gutters at Ark.
- Major Maintenance: more plumbing issues but not Tidings this time, the main line that feeds Ark and Oratory broke. A little over \$3800.00. During repairs the plumber pointed out why it broke—a bad repair from before that was not installed correctly. His recommendation is to rip it out and re-do that section. I asked for an estimate before we make a decision.
- Oratory skylight is leaking again. In 2013 a new roof was put on but a decision (pre dating me) was to NOT replace the skylight at that time. In 2015 the skylight leaked and the roofer (who specializes in antique barns and large structures) did a patch and warned the patch might last 3 years: It lasted 6. The roofer will give us 2 estimates: one to replace exactly as is (which will be a custom build), and the other to replace with a slightly smaller one which utilizes standard sized panels vs a custom build. To replace exactly as is would cost around \$50,000. Once I get the estimates will let Council know for a decision.
- Summer crew started 2 weeks ago. 15 young women are taking part. Will get better demographics for you later, but 4 self-identify as WOC. A couple College-aged have expressed interest in learning more about being Grail. If they continue their interest I will connect them with MDET (probably Terri Carter since she is local).
- Art at the Oratory Ingrid Farnham/Visionaries+Voices showcase opening went well. Our covid-goal was 50 attending, and we had 45 at opening. We also had 10 at a follow-up event (Loveland Art Gallery Crawl) the following week and the show is open until August so we already bested the goal. The Art Crawl was a last minute addition, and since we were outside the transportation loop I didn't expect anyone, but it was important that we took part so the local arts community knows The Grail is ready to be active on the arts scene. We received a small Ohio Arts Council grant for this showcase, and are working on the final report. Was it perfect? No. The makerspace wasn't what we'd envisioned—although people liked it—but we will make adjustments for the poetry workshop component of Sharon Thomson's showcase in August. We'd also hoped for more robust participation by V+V so we will make sure we are more clear with Pones and Muse.

Decisions Needed

- Approval of new international gift fee policy