

U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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UPDATES: The Grail

- Member Giving Survey—The Member Giving Survey was resent via NGN link in order to try to get additional data. Listening to members who have commented on using SurveyMonkey, we set-up the survey function on ConstantContact (which we already have for NGN and eblasts) to see if folks liked it better. We will see how hard or easy the tabulation/reporting is on the backend as we think about upcoming surveys/ballots.
- International Grant List—each year Council approves the list of International Grant Recipients. Reminder they have to be either a Grail entity's initiative or –like Neema Clinic or Training For Transformation—a former Grail initiative which has rolled off to become its own entity. IRS rules are very clear on what can be on this list AND the process which is why we limit to only Grail or Grail-spin off initiatives. The list in your packet is what has been approved the last 2 years and what has been included on the Annual Member Giving form as options for at least 5 years before that with the exception of adding “General Support” under each country.
- February Member Mailing and Financial Gumbo—The annual Financial Gumbo will come out in February (this is the 2nd year doing this). This Gumbo will include all the financial info for The Grail recapping 2022 and presenting 2023: December Prelim Financials, Reports from the International Grant Recipients, Reports from each Mission Initiative in 2022, list of approved Mission Initiatives in 2023, list of approved International Grant Recipients in 2023, the annual Member Giving Form, the Major Maintenance Budget for 2023 (which includes the 2022 actuals), and the approved 2023 Annual Budget. Once this Gumbo goes out to all members (hardcopy to those who do not have internet) it will also be placed on Member Dashboard. In addition, the Annual Member Giving Form and list of International Grant Recipients will ALSO be mailed hardcopy to all members alongside their individualized Triennial Member Census.
- Grail lawyer—the office received no suggestions from Grail members regarding potential lawyers to replace Chuck Kamine. After reaching out to the community, a recommendation was made for Sonya Jindal Tork of Taft Stettinius. I met with her this week. She is an alum of Children's Meeting House from the time when they were located in the Oratory. She is on Taft's Gender Achievement Committee. She has deep experience with nonprofits, especially structure. As a partner in a large firm she also has worked on corporate cases. However, she is a respected and awarded attorney offering Pro Bono work in the community. She will be sending over information regarding an idea of fees we could expect and additional information about her background. There would be no retainer, she would be our contact at Taft, but if there was an area where she could not assist, she would bring in another attorney to do so. Fun Fact—a prior Grail lawyer (I think the one before Chuck) was a partner at Taft so The Grail has a strong history with that firm. (note, that attorney left the firm which is why they probably stopped being The Grail's attorney but that is a guess by me)
<https://www.taftlaw.com/people/sonya-jindal-tork>
<https://www.taftlaw.com/news-events/news/jindal-tork-joins-greater-cincinnati-minority-counsel-program-board>

UPDATES: Cornwall

- In preparation for Council conversations regarding renewal/renegotiation for the Cornwall lease this spring, I have asked RMM's leadership to put together their thoughts for Council: what they think went well, what they think could be improved, what their plans for the future use could be, what they hope to result from conversations.

UPDATES: Loveland

- Oratory—A budget goal is to increase Oratory weekly rentals from 3 to 5. We have signed a contract with Children's Meeting House school for weekly art classes during the day (which means we can still rent to a weekly evening group) until June with the anticipation that it will be renewed for summer camps and 2023-24 school year as they grow to include junior high classes.
- Oratory II—we are losing Agracademy, Inc.'s ongoing rental of Bay 2 at the end of February. The classes they hoped to conduct were sidelined by covid and not able to be revamped. This is an income loss of \$200 a month. However it does mean that without their exclusivity contract, we can add weekly and special rentals in Bay 2. Agracademy, Inc. will continue use of 10 acres for their Black Empowerment Through Agriculture mission until October.
- Crew+—We met with EasterSeals and BWC Workforce Development Board as noted in last ED Report. The result is that BWC will connect us with the Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) offices in 3 counties to support Crew, ATP, and individuals in need of work hours in order to receive benefits (WEP). Pre-Covid we partnered as a WEP worksite for Clermont County OMJ office and we hope to re-grow that program and include Butler and Warren Counties as well. Reminder, EasterSeals helps in that should a Crew member qualify for their program, EasterSeals—not The Grail—will pay their wages.
- Crew II—we have laid the groundwork to expand the Crew program (as initially dreamed) so that other nonprofits in the region would work with The Grail to provide hours/pay to Crew members in locations that might be easier to reach given the lack of public transportation. In this pilot phase, the other nonprofits arrange for assistance and pay the wages with The Grail managing the administration. Ideally, Crew would roll off to be its own thing—a temp agency for young women providing support to nonprofits across the region with The Grail providing the leadership training aspect.
- Art at the Oratory—we were approached by Joe Schickel to host a liturgical themed exhibit by Robert Morris (<https://www.contemporaryartscenter.org/artists/robert-morris>) a well-known artist. We feel this is a great way to increase visibility of Art at the Oratory and to bring in guests to future shows. His show based on the Stations of the Cross will open April 2nd.
- Art at the Oratory Series—the 2023 series exhibit will be on the Akhmim collection and story. We hope that Trina Paulus and Gail Malley will be able to take part in some way. It will open August 2023 and run through November.
- ATP—Mary Lu Lageman has offered to create a structure that ties in with Tracy Jo's Rites of Passage work bringing the ATP girls more onto a land focus throughout the year. We are very excited to eave these two critical foci together.

- ATP II-The County has revamped it's juvenile court structure so fewer youth are incarcerated...this means the ATP program will ebb and flow with participants. However, the JDC is determining how ATP could fit into their probation system and not just corrections system, so we should have news on that soon.
- Baumann Consulting—works within the space of incarceration and is interested in working with The Grail and Warren County on the ATP program. We have spoken about some joint training for staff that focuses on trauma informed care and gender specific care. We will continue exploring how we can best serve the Grail's mission and the community to highest accepted standards and abilities.

Decisions Needed:

1. Approve continued conversation with Sonya Jindal Tork
2. Approve International Grant Recipient List for 2023