The US Grail Council

April 24, 2023 MINUTES

Vision:	***Mission Goals:***	***Resolutions:***
Called by our spiritual values, The Grail envisions a world of peace, justice and renewal of the earth, brought about by racially and ethnically diverse women working together as catalysts for change.	*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; becoming an anti-racist Grail and challenging systemic racism in society; creating communities for a sustainable future; celebrating the arts as a means for personal and societal transformation.*	*To become antiracist internally and externally viewing all our activities through an antiracist lens; and Rebuilding the Grail's spiritual core in community.*

DATE: **4.24.2023** NOTETAKER: **Rachel Hershberger** MODERATOR: **Laura Kaplan**

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Cynthia Bernardez, Judith Brown-Leigh, Sonia Jacquez, Tina Kalala, Laura Kaplan, Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Sharon Wood

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Terrie Puckett

OBSERVERS:

Time	Topic	Facilitator	Focus Question	Desired Outcome	Follow up?
6:30 pm 5mn	**Meditation/Prayer/Reflection** **Reading of Mission and Vision Statements**	**Judith**			
6:35 pm 10 mn	**Approval of March Minutes** **Approval of Today's Agenda** <u>Important points to remember:</u> Thanh: • Correction to March minutes re: F2F meeting- Terrie to follow up on F2F Meeting dates with a Survey • Request to send the minutes in a different color than the agenda. Additions to other business: • Laura requests to discuss Council meeting dates • Judith requests to discuss the request from the girls in Honduras	**Sonia**		**Minutes Approved** **Agenda Approved**	

	Decisions/Votes: Thanh motions to approve March minutes Judith seconds Unanimous approval of March minutes Thanh motions to approve the agenda Laura seconds Unanimous approval of agenda				
6:45 pm 5 mn	**President's Report** Important points to remember: Thanh has submitted the report. She authorized transfer of funding to several countries as part of first quarter report. Decisions/votes	**Thanh Xuan**		**Understanding**	
6:50 pm 10 mn	**Executive Director Report** Important points to remember: Terrie requests a decision: • Finance committee recommended that there by a $45,000 transfer to cover operating expenses for second quarter. Decisions/votes: Thanh motions to allow the transfer of $45000 as recommended by finance committee Sharon Wood seconds Unanimous approval	**Terrie**		**Understanding**	
7:00pm 30 mn	**SCAG Q&A** Magda Durante and Judith DeFour Howard joined the call to answer questions about SCAG proposal Additional questions to be sent in writing	**Laura**	Q&A With SCAG Reps	**Understanding**	
7:30 pm 20 mn	**Committees Report:**				

	Finance: Sharon - Finance committee does not meet until Thursday. Right now there is nothing new to report.	**Terrie/ Sharon**	**Update**		
	Membership: Membership liaison is being determined. Laura requests to step down because she is already a member of SCAG. Judith is already liaison on other committees and does not want to be liaison for membership committee. Terrie recommends to an add item of council liaisons to committees next month agenda. A couple do not have anyone and we need to fill in.	**Laura**	**Update**		
	Communication: Thanh – Communication committee has started. Sonia is a member. Asked Sonia to be liaison for this committee. Terrie – met once. Have been working on posts in the Friday news for communications.	**Thanh Xuan**	**Update**		
	Ad hoc Education/Scholarship Policy: Judith – Committee has met, is reviewing all three fund descriptions. Just starting to meet and discuss this.	**Thanh Xuan**	**Update**		
7:50 pm 10 mn	**IC Rep Report** <u>Important points to remember:</u> Last month spoke about GDPR. This is a concern but not for the public—Tina, NLT, and office will be collecting information and also asking for permissions. The forum for indigenous issues was at the UN April 17-28. Grail had a panel on Tuesday. 7 indigenous women spoke	**Tina**	**Update**		
8:00 pm 10 mn	**Bylaws Change forum** <u>Important points to remember:</u>	**Tina**	**Update**		

	Was not able to select a date in April. Hoping to have a forum on Saturday May 20th from 11-1am PST – 2-4pm EST Thanh – requests to write it out and put it in NGN ASAP so people can schedule.				
8:10 pm 10 mn	**GVIC-SS** <u>Important points to remember:</u> Thanh – moved this item to executive session	**Sharon/ Thanh Xuan**	**Update**		
8:20 pm 5 mn	**July F2F** <u>Important points to remember:</u> Next F2F scheduled for July 8 Terrie is sending out a SurveyMonkey to see which days work for October/November in person meeting Tina and Sonia volunteer to follow up with discussion from last F2F.	**Sonia**	**Update**		
8:25 pm 10 mn	**Other Business** <u>Important points to remember:</u> Judith reports • Two young women from Honduras will be attending training in Netherlands. They have asked if we could support the two girls for travel expenses. $356 in scholarship grant Have not yet confirmed council meetings beyond June Need to schedule July-December Will finalize at next meeting <u>Decisions/votes:</u> Thanh motions to approve scholarship request Judith seconds the motion Motion passes unanimously	**Judith**	**Honduran Scholarships Request**		

8:35 pm 10 mn	**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Council went into Executive session and discussed the following items: 1. GVIC-SS Recommendation: Thanh Xuan read the recommendation: GVICC-SS has reviewed all the applications and unanimously recommends Council to approve moving ahead with the project proposed by the Cardinal Land Conservancy. 2. SCAG proposal for Cornwall: <u>Decisions/votes</u> Thanh Xuan moved to approve the GVIC-SS recommendation, Laura seconded. Council members voted unanimously to approve GVIC-SS recommendation Laura moved to approve the SCAG proposal as presented. Tina seconded. The SCAG proposal as submitted was not passed with 5 votes No and 2 votes Yes. Thanh Xuan will inform the SCAG representatives of the Council decision.	**Sonia**	SCAG Proposal Discussion and Decision		
8:45pm 5 mn	**Reading / Prayer**	**Sharon**			