U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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UPDATES: The Grail

- Parliament of World Religion—went really well. The booth was well-visited and there were folks who came by who had been connected with The Grail in some fashion over the years. It was nice to reconnect. Lucy Jones, Terri Carter, Mary Heidkamp, and I will be putting together a full report (with photos) which will be in October Gumbo. Waiting on a couple receipts from Mary but even with those we should be under the budget we set for the event (which is to be split equally between US and Int'l Grail).
- Financials—are attached. Finance Cte met last night to review. The most expensive months are at an end and we remain under budget.
- Financials II—We received the final disbursement from the Shellie Owens estate--$15,000 which will be distributed per the Asset Policy.
- Mission Initiatives—the deadline was extended to August 31st. We have received 2 already, and I know of at least 1 more that is coming.
- Budget for 2024—the basic budget will be emailed to you all by 8/31, in time to review before we discuss at the September meeting. We had planned on getting it to you by August meeting, but have been sidetracked with our IRS 990 prep.
- External Communications—the system is going well. Have met with Sonia Jacquez about her assisting with this outreach going forward especially updating website content and social media. If you do not follow The Grail on Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram, please consider doing so.
- Crew Grail Member Interviews—have been paused as the Crew has ended for the year. We hope to do a few when Crew are back in town on winter breaks, otherwise we will pick back up again next summer. Grail members have been very generous with their time and in working with a group that has never used a corded phone, or interviewed adults, or even knew how to leave messages. It was truly a learning experience!

UPDATES: Cornwall

- SCAG—I had a dialogue with 4 representatives of the SCAG group on Friday. It went a little longer than planned, but it was important to hear what they wanted to share and ask. A full update about the RMM lease—including response from our legal team—will be given later on the agenda.

UPDATES: Loveland

- Crew—has ended for the summer. We have sent surveys to the group for feedback and will be reviewing the data/suggestions/comments/ideas in order to make adjustments for Summer 2024.
- Crew II—This year we partnered with Easterseals Redwood. If any Crew member qualified for their program, then Easterseals Redwood would pay their wages. Alas, while we had 5 tentatively qualify, none wanted to apply to the program. Not sure why—perhaps we didn't explain it well, maybe there was /is a stigma attached. We will follow up with those Crew to find out. In the meantime we will adjust for 2024 so that we bring in more folks from Easterseals Redwood vs sending applicants TO Easterseals Redwood.
- Akhmim exhibit—opened 8/19. It is a beautiful display of the works and the story. Gail Malley—the Grail member who was asked to come to Akhmim to begin "a project" and then stayed nearly 20 years— worked with Caroline our Art Coordinator to curate the exhibit and to tell the

story focusing on the women of Akhmim. The full story is just amazing. Gail, Caroline, and April Goering worked together to create a full presentation of the past and present, bringing in resources from groups currently supporting the Akhmim Center. Through April's efforts, the Embroiders Guild of America will be bringing in a group to see the exhibit with Gail zooming in to present. The presentation will be recorded and made available to Grail members. We want to try and videotape the full exhibit so Grail members not living close by can view it. The Grail received a small grant from a local foundation to support the exhibit.

- AJFO Conference (https://ajfo.org/conference)—we were invited to submit an application to present at the AJFO conference in October about the ATP (Alternative Treatment Program) we piloted last year for the girls of the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center. AJFO cohosts a biennial conference focused exclusively on women and girls in the criminal justice system. Unfortunately we were only given 2 days' notice of the deadline and between that quick turnaround and the dates of the event (I will be in Europe) The Grail will not be able to present. Having said that, one of the major sponsors is based in Loveland and has suggested we send information with them to be in their booth. I am working with them and the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center to create a series of short videos about the program from our perspective and theirs—and hopefully the girls' as well—that can be played on continuous loop in their booth. Updates hopefully next month.

Decisions Needed: