The US Grail Council MINUTES

Vision: **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.**	**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; 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.**	**Resolutions:** **To become antiracist internally and externally viewing all our activities through an antiracist lens; and Rebuilding the Grail's spiritual core in community.**

DATE: 8/28/2023 NOTETAKER: Rachel Hershberger MODERATOR: Tina Kalala

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Terrie Puckett

Time	Topic	Facilitator	Focus Question	Desired Outcome	Follow up?
6:30 pm 5mn	Meditation/Prayer/Reflection Reading of Mission and Vision Statements	Laura			
Guided meditation by Laura Reading of Mission and Vision, Resolutions					
6:35 pm 10 mn	Approval of July Minutes Approval of Today's Agenda	Sonia		Minutes approved Agenda approved	

<u>July minutes</u>

Laura : will send recommended edits for the July minutes to Council for review

Thanh: Line about Thanh checking her notes – Thanh was the one who seconded the approval of the minutes of the last meeting (June)

Sharon: Important points to remember – F2F meeting in October – leave anytime after 12 on Sunday, not 2.

Cynthia: Add Tina to the committee to organize the council meeting agenda

Will revisit July minutes at September Council meeting

Other Business

Laura: Sharon Joslyn sent a letter to council, would like to discuss this in other business

Sharon Wood moves to approve the agenda
Laura seconds
Agenda approved

6:45 pm 10 mn	President's report	Thanh Xuan	Financial transactions ED performance review Nominating Committee		

No financial transactions during month of August
ED performance review was due last weekend, request to finish ASAP
Time to form a nominating committee for next council term
Two council members first terms will end this year, will need an election
– Laura and Thanh have finished their first term, both can run for another three year term
Thanh will write a call for the NGN for people to be on the nominating committee
Tina: are we open to expanding council?
Thanh: this is a bigger discussion, add it to other business. Previous council has decided to put it at 7 people. If council wants to increase the number of council members it can be a separate discussion.

6:55 pm 10 mn	Executive Director Report	Terrie	Update	Understanding	

Financials were in packets. Bottom line: doing better than budgeted.
Not included: we did receive an additional bequest from Shelley Owens Estate. $15000 will be distributed per asset policy. Reviewed by finance committee and there were no questions
In the process of preparing 2024 budget.
Now accepting mission initiatives.
Akhmim exhibit opened. Gail Malley will do a presentation via zoom, National Office will be making a video for those who can't attend.
Crew done for the summer.

Questions?
Thanh: Report on Parliament of world religions?
Terrie: Lucy Jones, Mary Heidkamp, Terrie, and Terri – Lucy, Mary, Terri working on report that will be available to members
A ton of activity in Grail space.
As soon as we know when next one is happening, start working now to make sure we have resources in place for more members to attend.
Met people and collected information for potential new members.

7:05 pm 20 mn	Committees reports: Finance Membership Development: Communication Archives/Elderly	Cynthia	Updates from Committees	Understanding	

Finance committee
Had meeting Thursday before the council meeting. Anticipated to be 8% or 9% better than budget by end of year.
MD&E
Nothing to report. Judy put something in NGN for members to join the committee. Have asked people to respond to National Office. They will group the names and send to Judi BL, Viana, and Sonia.
Communication
Sonia to start working with Terrie on a project for communications—in the process of scheduling.
Archives/Elderly
Nothing to report.

	Ad hoc Education Loan Scholarship Fund				

Survey went out. Waiting for responses.
Terrie: 23 responses. Still a couple days for people to get info turned in.
Thanh: suggests that it be sent one more time through NGN.

7:25 pm 10 mn	Old Business Update: Bylaws change Forum GVIC-SS	Laura	Update	Understanding	

Laura is going to help Tina with this and get a report forwarded to Council.
Tina sent an email to Judy Alves requesting any changes or recommendations from the edits that were done to the proposal. Waiting for the response to be sent to council.

GVIC—SS : Terrie Update: last govt entity that had to sign off on application did so. Cardinal Land Conservancy will submit application to clean Ohio fund. At that point we wait to hear back from Clean Ohio fund. Will make decision by end of October/early November. Grail has no other step to take at this point. Clean Ohio Fund decides if they give all money, some or none. Hopeful based on previous conversations. If they agree to full amount, final sale would occur in January when funds are dispersed.

7:35 pm 20 mn	RMM lease Update	Sharon	Update	Understanding	
Terrie: shared powerpoint presentation on Cornwall lease amendments (see powerpoint attached) Questions about right of first refusal – if we want to, we can take it out. Lawyer—if we have no intent to sell is it necessary to have it? Terrie to send 5 protective benefits and then make a decision as council (vote) 2 items to address with lawyer: right of first refusal, scheduling visits. Terrie will follow up with legal team to get a date for response, then we will put together the timeline of what happens next.					
7:55 pm 15 mn	Face to Face 10/26-29/2023	Judi	Agenda Logistics		
Thanh sent a format of a schedule. Judith, Tina, Cynthia collaborating to put an agenda together. Send in copy of receipt to office to reimburse travel and arrange airport pickups, send dietary restrictions/requests.NOn					
8:10 pm 5 mn	Other Business	Tina			
Recommend to postpone other business to next meeting -Letter from Sharon Josyln -Discussion about increasing the number of people on council from 7-9					
8:15 pm 5 mn	Closing prayer	Tina			