

U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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UPDATES

- Financials I—are attached. Finance has reviewed and ok'd them. These are considered PRELIMINARY EOY...meaning that when we do the review and taxes, these may change with among other items depreciation.
- Financials II—Please see attached Giving Report. Member giving to national is 5k under budget.
- Financials III—The Budget is together (all the approved sections: basic, GA, face to face, and wage increases) minus the Mission initiatives (which you will decide later in the meeting). Once the MIs are approved, a FINAL budget will be sent to you all. Watch for that.
- Website Update—we are updating the content on the website so that the public facing pages are less explanatory and more “How can the public get involved with The Grail”. We changed a repeated block to encourage women wanting to explore membership to contact the office. We asked all the regularly meeting Grail groups if their Zooms were open to public, and we asked for write-ups. We are pleased to be able to showcase how folks can get involved in many ways. We can update these options as more become available.
- Outreach I—The Grail will have a table at the Midwest Sustainability Summit (Theme: From Vision to Action) being held in Cincinnati this year. We will focus on our efforts recruiting volunteers and potential explorers. We will highlight Invasives to Natives Project, Learning Labs—including agroforest and science cohort—the planned Greenhouse, and how Crew is a part of advancing it all.
- Outreach II—Caroline—our volunteer coordinator—is creating an outreach plan for 2024 that takes us into the greater community to find volunteers and supporters. This will include annual participation in Festival of Faiths and Loveland Art Crawl for general awareness, and other activities targeted towards young women.
- Outreach III—We will continue the Map Your Experience campaign from 2023 level 1. We are putting together level 2 now (the next engagement level focusing on what happens after you meet The Grail? Areas of personal transformation). Level 2 will launch in May.
- Cornwall Use MOU—the MOU was created and signed for 2024. As an MOU we can make changes whenever but we want to try this out for a full year to get a better sense of any revisions needed for 2025. The MOU was written to resolve issues Grail members experienced when using the space in 2023 for mission initiatives (noisy space for a quiet program, building use, bathroom access, more access to vegetable garden, etc.). Reminder, we pulled this section from the lease agreement and amendment so that we could have flexibility in making any changes. Please see attached.
- Road Closure—the road leading to the national office and Grailville will be closed for 6 months starting Jan. 30th. There is a road detour for public use, but we have permission from neighbors St. Columban and Cardinal land Conservancy for staff and Crew to park at St. Columban and use the old trail to walk to the property. This is just an option and not a requirement.

Decisions Needed:

None at this time