U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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UPDATES: The Grail

- Financials—May DRAFT is in the packet. Finance Cte has not yet reviewed it. The bottom line is that The Grail is about $44k better than budget at this time. Summer is when we spend more money so there will be some decrease in this margin over next 3 months, but we are still on the course to be under budget for the year.
- External Communications—Going well. #MapYourExperience launched in May and will continue through 2023. There is a layered (pyramid) campaign set up for the next 3 years to move folks from unaware about The Grail to advocates for The Grail—and for a few on to becoming explorers. Hard goals for the year through targeted outreach are 1. Increase non-member donations, 2. Increased rentals, and 3. Increased non-member volunteers. If you do not follow The Grail on social media, please do so and like/share the posts. The Grail is on Linkedin, Facebook, and Instagram.
- Budget 2024 I—the office has begun working on the 2024 budget. We will have the draft of the core budget to Council in August for review.
- Budget 2024 II—Calls for Mission Initiative applications has gone out in the last few NGNs and will continue through the summer. Due date is August 15th.
- Parliament of World Religions—this every 4-5 year event is being held in Chicago. You may have seen posts about it in the NGNs inviting Grail members who are interested to register. In addition, International Grail will be partnering with US Grail national office to "represent" onsite. The costs will be split. I will be going to staff the Grail info exhibit and booth. Lucy Jones as ILT and Terri Carter representing the international Spirituality network will be attending. Ideally we will have 4 more Grail members wanting to register so that the per person cost drops almost in half for registration. We would LOVE to have a strong contingent there. The event is August 14-19 and will be followed for the US Grail by the Cincinnati Festival of Faiths starting August 24th with the annual in person event and a week on online activities.

UPDATES: Cornwall

- RMM lease—The RMM Lease Amendments, as you know, have been sent to Council for their suggestions regarding the amendments. RMM has also received the draft for their review.

UPDATES: Loveland

- Southside—Sharon will be briefing on the GVIC-SS committee work, in the meantime, the temporary fencing approved by Council for 3 months is at the end date. To protect the buildings until the GVIC-SS process is complete; I would like permission to contract for the fencing to continue until final sale date (estimated January 2024) and for increased funds allocated to increase mowing on the southside per the potential buyer's request. See below "decisions needed."
- Crew—34 applications this year. Crew is working hard with invasive removal and trash pit the 2 ongoing activities. In addition they tackle collects efforts, scanning, cleaning, trail maintenance, and outreach and event support.
- Outreach—over the next 4 months, The Grail will be taking part in 4 outreach events: Loveland Art Crawl (JM Morris exhibit at Oratory, a kids' craft booth, Grail info booth, top-tier in-kind sponsorship, plus Crew as event support); July the Health and Wellness expo (Grail info booth); August both Parliament of Religions (see above) and Cincinnati Festival of Faiths

(Steering Committee, Grail info booth, Crew event support and in-kind sponsorship); in September the Art Affaire (Grail info booth).

- Greeters—Crew has been taking random shifts as Greeters asking casual users at Grailville a few questions and getting them signed up for the Friends Newsletter. Greeters will continue through June and into July. One of those who is a casual user spoke with Greeters, signed up for Friends of Newsletter, and then sent in a donation. YAY!
- Art at the Oratory—this year's exhibit will be about the Akhmim Community Center. Grail members April Goering and Gail Malley have been working with Art Coordinator, Caroline DiGiovenale, to create a spectacular display of Akhmim embroideries and woven textiles. Through April's efforts, the Embroidery Guild of America will be hosting a private tour and event in September for their national membership. Please watch NGN and Gumbo for more info!

Decisions Needed:

1. Council approval to contract for southside fencing to remain in place through January 2024
2. Council Approval to increase budget for additional mowing of southside through January 2024