U.S. GRAIL REPORT TO GRAIL NATIONAL COUNCIL

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UPDATES: The Grail

- Southside—Update in that line item—but as far as what we are doing "on the ground": Mary Lu is creating a list of items still needed to be moved or sold for the GVIC-SS committee to use in final contract. Cardinal has a MOU in place so that they can doo work before the sale is final. They have been given keys, blueprints, and engineering/building reports.
- Awards—The Grail was nominated (by me) for 5 awards at the annual Little Miami River Chamber Alliance (Loveland and 2 townships). Each nomination was accompanied by 3 testimonials which were written by friends, partners, and two Grail members (one for Elizabeth and one for Caroline). The Grail received the Nonprofit of the Year award. There will be a large article in December Gumbo where we share the award nominations AND testimonials.
- Financials—are attached. Finance has reviewed and ok'd them. The end of the year mailing has been sent to all active and emerita voting members with a letter from finance team urging end of year and 2024 giving. Please see attached End of year Snapshot which was included.
- 80th Fundraising Campaign—this is to fundraise for the greenhouse project and Crew specifically and other Mission Initiative support additionally, as a central focus of the 80th Campaign (see attached write up). Letters have been sent to 11 corporate HQs and 38 individuals who have donated since 2016 (non-members). The campaign has received attention in the 2 non-member newsletters that go out each month (one to individuals and one geared to businesses/organizations) and weekly social media posts. There is a short list of foundations from who we are applying for grants. We have received /will be receiving letters of support from local organizations and both government entities in which the land for the greenhouse will be and from where the majority of Crew members live (Miami Township and Clermont County). Please see attached flyers which were distributed.
- 80th Birthday—see campaign details and ideas attached

UPDATES: Cornwall

- Cornwall Use MOU—MOU is being drafted for further discussion. I have created a list of specific dates requested which will go through the process once MOU is signed, however, RMM has been given a heads up about them already so we can "pencil" them in.
- Rural Women's Assembly—this is an annual event by the many congregations that make up RMM. Judi Brown-Leigh is on the steering committee this year and will update during the ED report time on agenda.

UPDATES: Loveland

- Monthly Volunteer Days—we have launched these to work on invasive removal primarily. These are in partnership with Love Our Land with both orgs promoting and managing them.
- Oratory—the indoor labyrinth and winter crèche exhibit have been installed. Hours m-f 10-3, by appointment and pop-up hours as volunteers indicate availability.
- Podcast—Mike and Doug of Love Our Land have started a second podcast specifically about "Learning to Love Our Land" to partner with their first podcast which is about all things Loveland. I recorded a second edpisode with them and part is used for the new podcast with the original podcast repeating the info in December. The link will go in next NGN but here it is for you…my part is 2nd half.

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- Bird and Bat Boxes—Love Our Land is partnering with The Grail to install bird and bat boxes across the property. They advertised to their followers about families/businesses “adopting” a box (paying to have it built or building themselves and then helping care for it) and the response was HUGE! After 5 days almost all the boxes have been adopted—see 2 attached images (original flyer and update flyer)
- Festival of Faiths (FoF) Youth Program—The Grail is on the steering committee for the annual Festival of Faiths. This summer, the event sponsor—EquaSion—received a grant to extend FoF youth outreach throughout the year. The goal is to host interfaith dialogues at The Grail using the Oratory with FoF mural as inspiration and include one overnight campout.

Decisions Needed:

1. Call for 80th Planning/Inspiration Cte