

# Finegold Trust Board

## Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2022

### Called to Order at 4:07pm

**Attendance:** Mary, Tom, Ron, Marc and Bill

This meeting was called primarily to talk about the recent Easter gathering.

### Reports:

**Correspondence, Treasurer's Report and Minutes:** Tabled to next meeting

Easter Gathering Donations-Mary has provided an accounting of the donations received during the weekend. Ron will take this information and put it in an accounting format and make an interim treasurer's report. Mary will send the checks to Ron for deposit. Mary will wire the cash directly into Premiere Valley Bank tomorrow.

### Old Business:

Old business tabled, with the exception of the Easter Gathering.

The Easter gathering was well attended. Sven and Raquel Hickman generously donated and BBQed tri tip. Glory Warner and her partner Alija Mujic donated veggies for the veggie stir fry in the wok. The donations were generous and the potluck was really a hit. We even had strawberry short cake for all. Susie Carrillo brought her portable loom, gave demonstrations all day Saturday, that included opportunities to make your own project.

### New Business:

Marc reports several community members expressing interest in Finegold Trust's goals etc. This evolved into a small group gathering on Easter day. Approximately 12 people attended. The group was very interested in moving forward and sharing their ideas for Finegold Trust. Glory Warner made a request to hold a private event at Finegold (see below). Next step...Bathrooms/Kitchen/Tent sites/Yurts?

**Glory Warner's event request-** Glory and her partner Alija, plan to marry next April, the weekend prior to Easter and would like to have their wedding at Finegold. Both are willing to help with some cleanup on the property this year in preparation and offered \$2000-\$3000. Plans include providing portapotties, food prepared by friends, alcohol provided but not sold. They expect somewhere around 100 people. Some will camp there during the weekend.

Discussion ensued. All were in favor of moving forward with this request. Mary will research whether an event permit is required by Madera County and look into details around providing alcoholic beverages at this private event. Mary will reach out to Glory Warner and let her know the Board is excited about her event and will be moving forward with plans.

George Johnston expressed wanting to have a place in Finegold Valley, suggested that the Trust might possibly sell a piece of the 120acre property to finance some improvements. Marc said he would not be for selling any Trust property unless we were about to lose the property or some other dire situation. However, this sparked a comment of having a possible “time share like” situation where people could sponsor building a cabin or cabins with the understanding that they could reserve time to stay in the cabin(s) for a period of time. This could possibly be arranged as a stay at certain times on an ongoing basis. Much to think about on this, if the Board wants to consider this at all. Ray and George were both very positive about this idea.

**Finegold Graveyard-** Another idea from the group...Maybe Finegold can have a graveyard. Will need some research on this topic. Marc spoke with the guy who bought Keosheyans place who owns at least 2 mortuaries and he said it is actually fairly easy to apply and that there are several family cemeteries around O'Neals California. Marc will call Madera County about this.

**Bathrooms:** More discussion regarding the plans for bathrooms. Do we need a draftsman to draw up plans for the Bathrooms? Where should they be located? Use existing septic? Alternative locations? Many ideas and options discussed.

**Caretaker-**Marc- Daniel Cryns has expressed an interest in living in his motorhome on Finegold property and acting in some capacity as a caretaker there, hopefully this fall. Daniel has been a part of this community for many years having lived at Finegold Ranch School prior to it becoming The Finegold Trust. He also has interest and skills and offers to help with the construction of the bathrooms Discussion: Lack of suitable living quarters, sanitation, potable water, as well as lack of consistent funds to provide a stipend have been significant obstacles with regards to having a live in caretaker at Finegold. Will need to have more knowledge and income before Finegold Trust is in a position to provide a stipend to a caretaker. What can the Trust offer a caretaker? Internet? Could this be a combination caretaker/volunteer coordinator? Where would Dan want to park his motor home? All agree Finegold is in need of a live in caretaker. It was suggested a caretaker description and volunteer coordinator position description be developed. In conclusion: Lets invite Daniel Cryns meet with the Board, possibly during a zoom meeting to brainstorm and hopefully understand more clearly Daniel has in mind. All agree that the goal, if it's decided to move forward, would be to have very clear communication between Daniel and the Board. Marc will speak with Daniel. All will work on ideas for caretaker expectations.

**Next Meetings:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:45pm via zoom

**Meeting Adjourned:** At 5:47pm

