

November 30, 2024
Finegold Trust Board
Annual Public Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 2:41pm (Technical difficulties with the internet delayed the start of meeting).

Attendance: Mary, Bill, Marc, Andrew Carrillo, Sophie, Dirk Smith, Emanuel Warner, Pat Strobel, Daniel Cryns, Shawn Hickman. Online: Tom, Gilly McGlaze.

Introductions: Marc

Reports:

- **Correspondence: None to report.**
 - **Minutes of Meetings, storage and access by the public-**Mary gave an explanation of where the public can view these reports.
 - **Treasurer's Report-**Mary presented the annual treasurer's report (balance sheet and income statement) as prepared by Ron Supat. Motion made and seconded to accept the annual treasurer's report of November 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Progress Reports:**
 1. **State and Federal Reports Status:** Finegold has filed all the necessary documents and remains in good standing with the Attorney Generals Office, California Franchise Tax Board and the IRS.
 2. **Facilities-Dan** reports the studio needs some downed trees removed. Firebreaks will need to be cleared, the barn is also not protected from the rain. Emanuel: Stage is broken. We may want to plan some work days in the spring. Marc will work on tree removal at the studio and Shawn will clear some downed trees up in Easter Meadow. Sophie will help reach out to California Conservation Corp for volunteer hours.
 3. **Bathroom Remodel-** We believe (the treasurer is not present to confirm) there is \$718.00 in the Bathroom fund. We have some outstanding expenses to cover. Motion made and seconded to allocate from the general fund to the bathroom remodel not to exceed \$1000.00 All in favor, motion carried.

4. **Programs and Activities Offered-Sophie:** Here are the programs in the last year (Easter 2023 to Easter 2024):
Fresno Folklore Society performance and instruction.
Natural History Walk with mycologist Alija Mujic and hobby botanist/farmer Glory Warner with wild mushrooms tasting and picnic.
Birding with local hobby ornithologist Jason Marshall.
The summer arts program.
Easter egg dying/rock painting/Tie Dying.
Community Easter Egg hunt and picnic at Easter Meadow.
Don Ajello taught pottery.
Picnic table construction workshop.
Howling at the moon women's retreat.
5. **Communications and Public Outreach Efforts-Tom:** The Board of Trustees wish to acknowledge the website and mail chimp work done by Gilly and Luke in this last year. We appreciate all their efforts.
6. **Sierra Foothills Conservation: Tom:** Possible outreach to invite them to a Finegold Board Meeting, possibly collaborate with them for publicizing our events to their membership.

Old Business:

- **Review of Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Strategic Plan-Tom**
- **Program Development Committee-Sophie**
 1. Call for new members... Shawn is unable to serve on a regular basis. The attendees did some brainstorming on potential programs and outreach. Sophie will arrange some time for a special meeting to discuss.
 2. Invitation for presenting new activities or programs.

New Business:

- **Consideration of Annual "Memorial of Susie Hickman" event at Easter**
- **Consideration of development of "Community Advisory Board" to provide input to Trustees: Tom-annual meetings and Easter historically have sparked conversation and input from folks in the community.**
- **Invitation to present Items for inclusion in New Business:**
 1. It was suggested to update the suggested donations on donation box.
 2. Consider a "suggestion box" on the website.
 3. Create a standing agenda item: "Program ideas"
 4. Reach out to Don Ajello about restoring the pottery shed.
 5. Consider minor revisions of vision/mission statement.

6. Explore the option of volunteer opportunities through the California Conservation Corps.
7. Andrew Carrillo requests \$20.00/month as Finegold's contribution to the shared garbage dumpster use.
8. Plan a community meeting every Easter at the Meadow.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2024 via Zoom at 3:00pm. No meeting in December 2024.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:49pm