

Finegold Trust Board

April 3, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 3:32pm

Attendance: Mary, Bill, Tom, Sophie Carrillo-Mandell, Gilly McGlaze, Ron, Marc and Scott Flaherty.

Daniel Cryns: Unable to attend.

Reports:

Correspondence: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ron has provided the treasurer's report for all to review. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary requests reimbursement for the weedwhackers and safety equipment (\$750.00) the remainder of the cost (over \$750.00) was a donation by Mary Strobel.

Minutes: Minutes of February 4, and February 27, 2025 were provided to all for review. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of February 4 and 27, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Programs Committee: Sophie: Glory and Aliah may be available for another nature walk Easter weekend. Bill and Linda plan to be doing mandolin jam...with individual lessons for those who are interested. She has reached out to CCC, gave them information about work day April 5. Regarding an open house for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy, still discussing a potential date. Marc has been talking with Brother Bethel of the Mono tribe of North Fork. Brother does Archaeological site visits and reports for the tribe. He's married to Kim (Nelson) Bethel, was friends with Susie Hickman and is familiar with Finegold. We're talking about doing some educational programs and walks regarding Native cultural history at Finegold. This may further develop into native plant collection and uses with other tribal members leading walks.

Recent workday March 22 and Nature Walk March 23: Tom and Emanuel worked on installing the solar charger and the inverter in the Bathhouse, which both worked well. It was able to generate enough energy to operate the lights, even without a battery. Tom has installed a shelf on the left wall of the office with a battery charger for the new battery operated weedwhacker. Both new weedwhackers and safety equipment are located in the locked storage room. Paul

and Marc sealed the inlet to the septic. Trimming of the willow tree by the creek. Gilly came a few days later and cleared some tree limbs and brush. Mary began sealing the baseboard and trim boards inside the restrooms. Paul resealed the faucets in the restrooms. Very productive day.

Nature walk: March 23, 2025: Very well attended, approximately 25 folks. Very enjoyable and informative walk exploring local history, flora and especially mushrooms. Many thanks to Glory and Aliah.

Website: Tabled.

Restroom Project:

Progress Report: See above. Mary has purchased the battery for the bathhouse.

Decisions pending: Walk way around restrooms-Marc.

Water control timer: Scott Flaherty: The water recently drained completely from the tank, probably from the spigot down at the bathroom either being left open or nudged open by the cattle. Scott suggests installing a timer for the water. He estimates \$150 cost. Discussion ensued. Decision to wait on this issue. Signage: Mary will make some signs for the bathhouse.

Financial update: The Restroom fund is depleted.

Gate House: Dan- Tabled

Firebreak equipment purchase: Mary: Purchased two good quality weed whackers and all the safety equipment have been purchased and delivered to Finegold. The warranties have also been sent in to Stihl.

Raffle: Mary will be doing a raffle this year.

Annual Attestation: Still need attestations from Bill. Ron has uploaded his. Bill will do his.

Sierra Foothill Conservancy: Tom will work on scheduling an open house.

New Business:

Trash Cans: Marc will be purchasing a couple more trash cans.

Portapotties: Gilly request consideration to use the portables for this year up near the barn. There are sometimes up to 35 folks up in that area. Discussion ensued. Motion made and seconded to use two portapotties up near the barn for this year. Motion made and seconded to provide these for the Easter gathering. All in favor, motion carried.

Workdays: Tom: workday April 5: To Do List: Framing in the walkway around the restrooms and possibly bringing in gravel or purchasing some material to use temporarily or possibly frame up

3x3 step, fill with gravel and discuss a more permanent walkway in the future. Repair the footings on the stage. Cover the septic.

Advisory Committee: Tabled.

Easter Gathering Preparation: Still in need of volunteers.

- Funds for main dish and eggs: Motion made and seconded to allocate \$400.00 for purchasing of the eggs for Easter as well as the main dish for the potluck. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 4:00 pm via zoom.

Adjourned: 4:47pm