

Finegold Trust Board

February 27, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 3:36pm

Attendance: Mary, Tom, Ron, Dan, Gilly, Sophie and Marc. Unexcused: Bill.

Daniel Cryns: Dan has moved his camper, will be fixing it up to sell. There have been more visitors recently. We need a sign for suggested donations on the donation box.

Reports:

Correspondence: Tabled

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

Minutes: Minutes of February 4, 2025 provided for all to review. The vote to accept is tabled to the next meeting to allow time to review the minutes.

Old Business:

Cell Phone for 911 calls: Daniel has the cell phone for 911 calls and he has been able to successfully test the ability to call 911. We will need an address showing Finegold's actual street address in cases of an emergency. Mary will reach out to Ray Kinman to ask if he might be willing to make this sign. Ron reviews the report now.

Programs Committee: Sophie: Has done some preliminary work and has some proposed events for this year:

1. Glory and Aliah are interested in doing the nature walk/mushroom walk a couple times this year.
2. Bill Lehr is willing to have some folks from the Fresno Folklore Society come at Easter and one other time to be determined for mandolin lessons/jam session.
3. Madera County Behavioral Health has an offering, it is free for the community. She will follow up and request an agenda.
4. Art Classes: Last years art classes were poorly attended, likely due to the heat. She suggests having them in the cooler months and possibly making it a full day event. Still reaching out for volunteers to teach these classes.

5. California Conservation Corp may be willing to provide some volunteers for work days at Finegold, possibly helping with fire breaks and clean up. Mary will be lead for work groups March 22 and April 13-15, 2025. There may be a group available or individuals. Tom will lead a work group April 5, 2025. Some planning and prep work will be necessary (see below, workdays).
6. Tom proposes hosting a day at Finegold for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy.
7. The Prescribed Burn Association of Madera County/Yosemite may be willing to come to Finegold to speak to the community about the concept of prescribed burning.

Website: Gilly can forward all the content for posting on the website and Luke is willing to do the graphics and postings. Mary will work on getting some information to them about the upcoming work days and the Easter gathering.

Restroom Project:

Progress Report: Gilly: Mary and Gilly have installed the soap and soap dispensers, mirrors and toilet paper holders and one grab bar in the accessible restroom. Gilly and Dan installed the paper towel dispensers, removed all the sinks and reinforced the wall to increase the strength of the mounting on the sinks. It was suggested we make a list of remaining tasks. Ron has reached out to Emanuel Warner who has proposed a cost of \$400.00 for the battery and required inverters to power the lights and igniter on the water heater. He will volunteer the labor and use the solar panels currently at Finegold. In addition, it was suggested purchase of a large outdoor mat, similar to those used with an RV, to be placed over the exposed dirt leading into the restrooms. One large mat, approximately \$100.00 can be cut into two, as temporary measure until a permanent walkway can be constructed. Discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to allocate \$500.00 from the general fund to purchase the supplies for the solar system as well as the outdoor mat for the walk way. All in favor. Motion carried. Ron will take care of the solar with Emanuel and Mary will purchase the mat.

Decisions pending:

Financial update: The Restroom fund is depleted.

Gate House: Dan- Tabled

Raffle: Tabled.

Garbage Dumpster: Ron has sent \$240.00 for the share dumpster plus \$100.00 for the road fund to Andrew Carrillo.

Annual Attestation: Still need attestations from Ron and Bill.

New Business:

Workdays: Discussion followed the topic of having volunteers from CCC come to Finegold for various work days. We will need at least one person familiar with Finegold to act as a liaison for each work day, and need to provide tools and safety equipment. Motion made and seconded to allocate up to \$750.00 for the purchase of either/or good quality gas or battery-operated weed whackers as well as the supplies and safety equipment required for safe operation. All in favor. Motion carried. Mary will do the research and the purchasing. During the March 22nd workday a project list will be compiled for volunteers. Planned work days as listed above. It was suggested we have the studio cleaned up as a project for next year.

Merchandise: As per our recent conversation via email: Motion made and seconded to allocate \$300.00 from the general fund for the purchase of T shirts/Hoodies/Tote bags to be screen-printed and available to purchase at the Easter gathering. All in favor. Motion carried. Mary has purchased these and had them sent to Ron for screen-printing.

Advisory Committee: Tom has sent a draft for this and provided to all for review. It's proposed the group be limited initially. We will consider this and bring up at the next meeting. Sophie will work with Tom on this project.

BBQ Proposal: Gilly: Gilly happened to be at Finegold recently and met up with Jason Marshall. They talked about the need for a BBQ for Finegold. Last year Gilly donated the rental of a BBQ. Jason would like to suggest building a semi-permanent BBQ, to be placed in a flat area just above the lawn toward the location where the elephant shed was. The base will be 4x6 feet with a 2x4 foot adjustable grill. Jason plans to build it before Easter and do a dry fit for this year, in case the location needs to be moved. He is willing to donate most of the materials and are both are willing donate the cost of materials that may need to be purchased for the project. Discussion followed. All agree this is an exciting proposal and give approval to proceed.

Easter Gathering Preparation: Mary will work on getting some information to Gilly and Luke for posting for the event.

Sierra Foothill Conservancy: Tom proposes hosting a day at Finegold for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy. The board is in favor.

Tax Deduction Receipts: Mary has sent out some donation receipts to Catherine Calkins and Ana Canales.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025 via Zoom at 3:30pm.

Adjourned: 5:11pm