

Finegold Trust Board

November 29, 2025

Public Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 11:16am

Welcome and Introductions of all present: Tom welcomes everyone, introductions follow.

Attendance: Trustees: Tom, Mary, Marc, Bill. Ron excused. Public attendees: Jason Marshall, Dirk Smith, Sophie Carrillo-Mandel, Phil Martin, Andrew Carrillo, Marianne Harrison, Paul Martzen, Holly Owen, Dan Cryns, Zoe Foster, Shawn Hickman and Gilly McGlaze (via Zoom).

Reports:

Correspondence: Marc reports receiving the monthly donations from Ana Canales and Catherine Caulkins.

Board Meeting Minutes and Treasurer Reports on Website: Tom: The Board Meeting Minutes and Financial reports are posted on the website. Meeting minutes of November 6, 2025 have been provided to all Trustees for review. Motion made and seconded to accept the meeting minutes of November 6, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report 2025: The Annual Treasurer's Report dated November 24, 2025 has been provided by Ron Supat, Treasurer, and presented today by Tom. Motion made and seconded to accept the November 24, 2025 Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Progress Reports:

State And Federal Reports status: See Treasurer's Report.

Facilities

Bathroom remodel: Marc: We are proud to announce Finegold has a fully functional Restroom/Bathroom that is approximately 90% complete. Many thanks to all the volunteers and donors who donated countless hours and funds towards the goal of providing infrastructure at Finegold.

Gatehouse Roof: Marc: The Board is considering replacing the roof.

Programs and Activities Offered: Some of the programs offered in the last year include: Natural History Walk, Mushroom Walk, Restroom/Bathroom remodeling, Easter Gathering, Easter Egg Dying, Rock painting, Outdoor Brick BBQ construction workgroup, Howling at the Moon Women's group. Sophie has spent considerable efforts researching options to include

some volunteer work through the California Conservation Corps. In addition, Finegold had many, many day use visitors.

Future Programs: Sophie still has plans for a “Mental Health First Aid” program. We hope to have an event to include the Sierra Foothill Conservancy at Finegold. Howling at the Moon has reserved two events for 2026. Additional suggestions for programs include: Bill, Gold panning group. Adding Flint Knapping at Easter?? Amber Purvis may have some connections with the Chawanakee School District for potential outings for students.

Additionally, the Board has approved designated funds for programs.

Communications and Public Outreach Efforts

Old Business:

Review of Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Strategic Plan: Tom: These are currently available for review on the website.

Program Committee:

New Business

Creation of The Community Advisory Group (CAG): Tom reviewed the following:

Purpose and Scope

Charge Document: will post on website.

Invitation to those interested in joining

Designated Campsites: The Board would like to suggest the following topic/issue to be considered by the CAG: Consider guidelines for camping areas, signage, etc. to protect the natural landscape. This would likely be a multiyear project.

Several folks in the community are interested in joining CAG. First meeting for interested individuals will be in January 2026, led by Sophie.

Misc: Gilly suggests consideration of using social media to send people to the website to keep informed of Finegold activities.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Utilizing Busy Bee for accounting services

Cleaning of the Bathhouse

Designated Calendar

Outreach

Trash fee

Outhouse construction up near the old barn

Next Meeting: January 8, 2026 at 3pm via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: approximately 1245pm.