

CORE Minutes- January 23, 2020

Meeting Location: United Church 3912 Grandview Drive W

Attendance: Bill Horn, Jill Worthington, Rick Mercier, Ian Sweet, Robert Sweet, Sue Gurley, Paul Jeffers, Keiko Boynes, Larry Warwick, Dan Freed, Rachel King, Bob Bennett, Kris Docherty

Approval of minutes-Minutes approved with 2 clarifications.

Treasurer's Report- \$16,450. Rick asked about the cost of the last spray. Sue will get clarification.

Staff reports-City will help with some lower branch trimming on the trees bordering the lower part of the Orchard. City asked whether CORE wanted to get involved in replacing the orchard fences.

Volunteer hours distributed

Website -Kris will contact Lori on the process for getting minutes and agenda's posted.

Tree Maintenance

-Spray Contract Update- Rick M will check into when the first spray will be done.

-Rick requested that approval for payment of cement for the bee house supports, which was approved. Rick will contact Tony to ask to repurpose the posts of the old Kiosk for the Bee houses.

-Bee Class February 22nd noon to 2 pm

-City not available for Tree Height reduction so looking for other sources

- Trees needing Height reduction - 22 trees were identified

- Walk through for estimate from S&D Tree Services –no estimate yet. CORE would like a second estimate from another vendor. Archon an other vendor will be invited to the Saturday Pruning Party.

-Policy on Tree Replacement – Sue will be routing the draft policy several members to get feedback.

Tree adoptions:

- Adoption update-Bob There are 70 trees adopted

- Tree Tags-3 individuals volunteered. Bob met with two people

- Adoption Banner – adoption banner is up on signpost till the pruning banner arrives then to fence for 60 days.

-School Tree Adoption –Debbie K confirmed one tree for a class 14-1. Sue still has no response from the school she contacted.

-Update Curran Orchard Thumb drive used at Volunteer Kiosk-Sue G New pictures of orchard will be done.

-Kiosk update- Debbie K got approval to buy boxes to house adoption applications near the new Kiosks.

Pruning class/Parties (Saturdays 10 am to 1PM)

-Pruning Parties: Feb 1 and 15

March 7 and 21

April 4 and 18

- Pruning Banner (24 sq.ft)-Sue will be requesting help from Tony to hang the banner.

-Notify HS students for community service hours-Bob and Jill will be working with the school

-Notify all adopters

-Pruning Publicity- Debbie (new tribune calendar, suburban times, Tacoma weekly, City of UP, Bridgeport Neighborhood, UP Patch, Community Information Kiosk)-done

- Twitter, Social Media- Lori will be contacted by Debbie to get our information out on social media

- United Church, UP Refuse reader boards- Sue will work with the church, Kris contact Mike at Up Refuse

Tours end of year report- Jill Tour guide and coordinator presented her yearly report. It was a detailed list of the tour groups that have come to the orchard or Jill provided information to. Since 2016 tours have been conducted for 54 groups. 20 tours conducted serving 395 children and 164 adults. Jill is looking for a back up as Barbara Lee has retired as back up. Jill is looking for a replacement.

Concerts? – Sue has inquiry from 13 bands. She asked how much we want to spend, as there are no sponsors. She is working on obtaining one military band. There is no charge for them. November 5th meeting due to no sponsorship and limited set up support the group suggested that we limit ourselves to 3 concerts. This can be revisited. The proposal was to allocate \$1000 for the concerts. Our adoptions have brought in approximately \$3000. Sue is will to work in obtaining the bands but will not be here at concert time. She would need a backup for the concert season to obtain checks for the bands, be a contact person for the bands; coordinates set up and do the introductions for the concerts or find someone to do this.

Fencing- Karen-tabled

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 4th Meeting place has not been determined as the city is determining how to allocate space.