

CORE Minutes– March 2, 2021

**Zoom Meeting 6:00 PM**

**Attendees: Rick Mercier, Kayla Williams, Kayla Stewart, Jill Worthington, Bill Horn, Myra Zyburt, Sue Gurley, Debbie Klosowski, Barry Crust, Kris Docherty**

Approval of Minutes-February approved

Treasurer's Report- Latest report stated balance \$17,047.70. There was a discussion regarding amount owed for spraying. Last month's minutes reviewed the debt owed and action taken by contractor for missing anthracnose spray this fall. After meeting, it was clarified that it was an accounting error. The correct balance was \$18,550. Barry Crust contributed \$50 from signs.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative Hours (doing business for the orchard)

Everyone one working in the orchard must sign the Volunteer Sign in sheet. The sign-in sheet will be posted on the barn door as barn is closed on pruning dates. A reminder will be sent to adopters.

Staff Report- we were thanked for our branch pick up. The city is using a backhoe to move the branches to the dumpster. CORE thanks Barry Crust for all his work with his ATV to move branches. The city noted that the banner holder is at the end of its life. Members agreed. Core members volunteered to see what they could do. City had a break in the water line so two spigots were replace at barn and near rows 33 and 34.

Website –Lori is updating website

**Tree Maintenance**

--Pruning Events

- Feedback re past pruning events-good turn out which resulted in a lot of branches,
- Updated CORE pruning lists- being worked on it. List posted near barn door.
- Branches pick up --- volunteer recruitment options were brainstormed where to turn along for volunteers. Jill will contact the High School /ROTC as might be an option with Boy Scouts. Rick will check with community groups. Debbie will send our request to Suburban Times, UP patch and Bridgeport Neighborhood group. Kayla will address the need through social media.
- Upcoming pruning events - March 6 and 20 (Watch for green tip for spray notification)
- Robert Sweet Pruning List-postponed to next meeting. They started last Monday

**Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.**

**# \_\_109\_\_ Adoptions, # CORE to prune\_\_\_\_42\_\_\_\_**

**Tree Tags** –Kris and Larry all the current tags up for new and old tags embellished

**Personalized Tree Signs** – Barry reported no new requests

**Coffee Chat and Change the World with Dorothy Wilhelm**- Jill received a call to participate in podcast that is worldwide. It allowed her 8 minutes to promote the orchard. Another opportunity will be March 8th

**Next Zoom Meeting: Tues, April 6 - 6pm**