

## **CORE Minutes - Sept 7, 2021**

### **ZOOM meeting 6:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Sue Gurley, Barry Crust, Debbie Klosowski, Kayla Williams, Jill Worthington, Noelle Conforti, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes: minutes approved

Treasurer's Report- none received

Volunteer Hours –175 volunteer hours in Orchard from volunteer sign-in sheets and Administrative

Staff Report-Due to the increasing summer temperatures, Debbie asked about increasing the amount of water to the trees. The amount of water was bumped up 30% this year. It will continue at that level. The 30% increase is the maximum amount that can be used for the orchard without drying up the well. The question was posed to Gary Cooper about hooking up to TPU. Staff believed it could cost \$15000 plus a monthly fee.

CORE decided to send a letter to the City requesting additional information to fully understand and examine potential watering options for the Orchard. In addition, the orchard's irrigation system is in need of an overhaul due to problems. Core has attempted to fix it.

Website – N.A.

**Web/Post Office Box Renewal**-expenses: \$31.55 email renewal and \$226.00 post office box

#### **\*Orchard Activities**

--High Density Harvest-There was a lot of fruit to be harvested. An email to adopters to help with the harvest and receive fruit for their labor was sent. This was very helpful and together we were able to harvest the high-density apples. In addition, the group was able to clean the up the apples not appropriate for distribution. This was indeed a great help.

--Adopter Apple Distribution-picked apples were distributed to adopters whose trees did not do well on Saturday.

--Food Bank- Monday, the Food Bank van arrived. They were very grateful for fresh fruit

-Gleaners not called. Debbie and Jill will assess if enough apples on the trees for the gleaners to be called.

**\*Harvest/Tree Survey – (see attachment)**- We need feedback from adopters on their fruit, leaf condition, thinning, removal of windfalls etc. How do we distribute the survey this year? There have been years that the survey was identified as spam so not everyone got the survey. Kayla will send an email to adopters with the survey attached.

#### **\*Work Parties – Jill**

-HS has new volunteer coordinator Erica Rolloson

-Feedback on August 29<sup>th</sup> volunteers 18 worked 61 hours

-HS ROTC with Kevin Bedell Sept 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:30

-September 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00 Jill needs volunteers for staffing gates for the volunteer's parental forms signed at drop offs. Debbie and Kayla W volunteered to man gates.

Question:

The revised volunteer sign-in form has a place for parental signature next to child's name. Jill will contact Lisa Hands to see if the new revised form eliminates the need for a separate parental permission form providing the parent is coming to the orchard.

**Volunteer Activities** – apple pick up, spreading chips, pulling weeds

**October ROTC orchard activity discussion:**

- Painting the inventory of white tags

- Removing white tags prior to the end of the year/painting

- Removing the woods signs by Barry Crust
- How to avoid names fading by using label maker- example previous adopter used one

**\*Tour Schedule- Jill**

- Sept 1,23,27,28, Oct 5, 14 plus everyday of the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Any applications none in the Barn? None Jill will get some printed to finish the year.

**\*Spray Update- need to wait for Rick.** We did have a late spray after apples harvested for a majority of our trees. Spraying should have been approximately the week of the 9th of August (2 weeks before 8/27 proposed Squeeze date). Next year, we will monitor for timely spraying.

--2022 Calendar Schedule?

**\*Barn Painting – Barry** Thank you for painting the barn.

\*Barry suggested organizing the tools in the barn.

**October Discussions:**

-Irrigation-

-Adoption Brochure Revisions- how many to order. Last year ordered 500

-Make sure if we take money for adoptions that applications and funds get turned into Kayla Williams.

-Insect Traps – Order in January

-Water access- Barry and Jill will work on accessing the water in both upper and lower orchard Harvest. There is a tool for getting water on in the lower part of the orchard.

Sue wanted to thank CORE and adopters for all their hard work.

**Next Meeting: Tues, Oct. 5 6:00 pm Zoom**