

## CORE November 2024 Minutes

UP Civic Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Attendees:** Tony West, Bill Horn, Debbie Klosowski, Jill Worthington, Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Rick Mercier, Kris Docherty

**Approval of minutes-** October minute correction expenses go to Debbie Sage instead of UP Finance

Treasurer's Report -Adopter Cider Squeeze Expenses were \$540 The income from sale of jugs and apple was \$267. Our current account balance is \$14,041.49

**Volunteer Hours** – Orchard 68 Hours (October numbers)

**Staff Report-** Tony New project will be replacement of the fence on Brookside around the corner to Curran Lane. The opening for access branches will be the same. In addition, Brookside and Grandview metal gates will be replaced. The locks' combinations will remain the same. A head up which will not affect the orchard will be storm drain construction on Olympic, Brookside and Grandview.

Spray Contract has been posted city on website and plus printed media. Tony intends to make sure the word is out there to attract applicants. It will be posted for a full 30 days which ends 12/6/24.

**Website -** Sydney working on changes

**Old Business**

**\*Adoption Brochure**

-Cider Squeeze Date – Decision on the date of the Adopter Cider Squeeze the August 16 or 23

Issues 1-Debbie and Monty not available on 16<sup>th</sup>. For this reason, Core decided for the coming year we will move the Adopter cider Squeeze to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

2- Apples in high density area are ready to pick on 16th-we will explore storing the apples somewhere if it is determined the apples **must be picked**. Historically this group of apples are ready middle of August. They are subject to the effects of insects. Last year they were ready and screening produced 30 bags by eliminating insect damaged apples.

-Community Harvest Date August 31<sup>st</sup>. This a good community event to recruit volunteers and new adopters. We will need CORE volunteers to be available to check out pickers for the event plus answer questions. We will designate an official Harvest Day on Brochure as August 31<sup>st</sup>, Debbie will be gone. Option #2 announce community can pick on certain day. We decided on August 31<sup>st</sup> for Harvest Day.

Master Gardener Pruning Sat, Feb 22 . Robert will be conducting training of Master Gardeners in the Orchard. This date will be added to the brochure as Pruning Day for adopters.

-Thinning Work Party date since it is hard to determine when to do the thinning. It will be listed as to be determined. We will use an email blast to notify when it is time to thin. Kayla Stewart is preparing adopter list for use in notifying adopters of events. She will also comply list and send message to people interested in adoptions and volunteering.

**\*2025 Adoptions**

- Status – With the help of Debbie, Kris, Kati and **Rich** a system has been set up. With Rich's support and skills, we can pull lists based our needs. He will have taught us how to access the lists. He took our needs and developed a system which is better then expected. Eventually , we will improve the website adopter's application form. We noticed the designation of new adopter or renewal lines are missing. Debbie extended the application due date to November 15<sup>th</sup> as it appears not all adopters were aware the message of the new dates.

-Tree Tags- Barry and Rich Debbie is forward tree tag names of renewals and new adopters to Barry and Rich as they come in. Barry presented how the team plans to identify assigned trees. He saved Wood signs which will be put in the ground being careful to not nick irrigation lines. They will put renewal signs at their assigned trees and make name plates for new adopters who have not received their tree assignment.

-Tree Map update-we reviewed the updated map prepared by Rich with Monty's input. It involved renumbering of some of the rows because of missing trees. Some trees were identified incorrectly such as a Gravenstein which was a McIntosh. When there are no apples on the trees how accurate can the identification be? Bill says it helps with mature apples and leaves. WSU will help if needed. On the assignment letters, Adopters will be informed that they have the same trees but different numbers.

-3 Gift Trees?- Debbie sent a letter to the individual that wanted to add the Honey Crisp Trees which included cost. We have not heard from her.

**TOUR Stats-**Jill conducted 27 tours with 340 kids and 288 adults in attendance.

**\*Other**

-November 2 –Jill stated *Scout work party of 45 did a great job collecting the insect traps from the test trees. They took initiative and picked up branches. There were several golden delicious trees that needed picking.*

They picked the apples. There are 8 bags of apples to be delivered to the local food bank. Barry volunteered to deliver them.

Bill asked Rick about the growth status of the King starts. Rick says only one of 6 cuttings died. For the grafting we will need 8 to 12 inches pencil size growth. Due to Rick 's coming surgery, he could not take the cuttings till the end of January. Cuttings need to be kept in plastic bag with moist paper towel. We are taking the cuttings to the March 15<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Fruit Club. Barry indicated his two cutting grew.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 3 meeting with Dec 11<sup>th</sup> for Potluck time to be determined later.**