

CORE DECEMBER 2025 MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Offsite meeting at Debbie's house for holiday potluck

Present: Debbie Klosowski (minutes and hosting duties), Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Lysie Patschke, Kay and Steve Townsend, Robert and Ian Sweet, Rick and Kathy Mercier.

Minutes/Treasurer's Report/Volunteer Hours – tabled until January.

Staff Report via email: Tony requested our preference for January spraying...we would like as early as possible and to avoid Jan. 21 pruning contract work. Still hoping to get mulch by end of month. No playground updates. Several members expressed frustration that city staff blew out leaves from under the trees—the leaves provide mulch and good insect habitat.

Website – Lysie continuing to work on updates. She and Debbie will meet to go over specific changes.

Adoption Updates – (Email from Kris read after meeting: 28 adoptions at \$65 pruning level and 39 adoptions at \$125 supporter level). United Church and UP Police delighted to receive free trees again. No word yet from UP Refuse. Kay Townsend indicated she would like to keep the same number of tour trees as last year because she anticipates more tours in 2026.

City Finance Dept previously indicated credit card option might be available in January...stay tuned!

Tree Tags – Barry is working on replacing all tree tags since stakes are rotting and being vandalized. Rick and Steve Townsend offered to help drill holes. Additional help will be needed to staple on tag names and hang either around the base of the tree or from a low hanging branch with all tags facing Grandview. Barry will keep group posted when help is needed.

Barry has also moved his ATV back to the barn as well as fixing the Row 7 post.

Height Reduction – Family Tree Care Contract approved, and work is scheduled for January 21. Debbie will send list of trees to Rich and Barry to ensure tags are in place for affected trees. Lysie also requested before and after pictures for the website.

Pruning Tools – Debbie mentioned quotes for sharpening tools; however, Ian offered to sharpen them for free.

Adoption Banner – Group approved banner for \$384 as presented by Sue Gurly via email.

Group requested more space between apple and words as well as centering and changing word placement to: Adopt A Tree. Banner will be placed on the reader board (under the Pruning Banner when it is put up)

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Fundraising – We would like to proceed with Lysie’s suggestion to work with “Bonfire” to offer shirts and baseball hats with a new orchard logo. People could order items directly from Bonfire and we would get a portion of the proceeds. Lysie will get more details....Debbie and Lysie will work on a request for Orchard Logo ideas to be sent to adopters, community, Curtis HS and Charles Wright students. Creator of the winning logo will get a free tree for one harvest season. This will be sent out in January. Barry also offered to put his walking sticks on the website with a portion of proceeds going to orchard.

We also discussed a possible “profit share” idea in which we would approach a local restaurant and get a special day and time to invite people to purchase food and drinks with a portion of proceeds going to CORE. Lysie will investigate if there are any issues since we are not a nonprofit. Barry will contact the distillery since they have adopted a tree in the past and use orchard apples for their products.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 6-8 pm, either in person at City Hall or via zoom