

CORE Minutes-July 5, 2022
In person meeting at the barn – 6:00 pm
3920 Grandview Drive W - UP

Attendees: Rick Mercier, Larry Warwick, Jill Worthington, Bill Horn (master gardener), Barry Crust, Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Call to order 6:00-7:18 an in person meeting at the Barn

Approval of Minutes-June meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report –Balance in Orchard account: \$18,392.00

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative hours-63.5 orchard hours and 9.5 administrative hours

Staff Report- Tony reported that irrigation was increased by 25%. Irrigation runs 4 to 5 hours for the orchard. Mowers are having problem getting through the rows due extended tree branches. CORE agreed to reduce the branches back even though pruning is over.

Website Update – updated

Orchard Maintenance

--Irrigation Update – ***see under staff report*** Jim Kropf with WSU has not from his contacts regarding questions regarding irrigation. The Orchard's last soil analyst was 5 years ago, which showed that the upper part of the orchard is sandy lower part Loam. Bill indicated that the mulch could hinder seeing what happening with the irrigation. Members would like an irrigation map. There might be one in the barn if not Debbie will request one from Tony.

--Insect Trap Update – Debbie reported back on both coddling moth and apple maggots observed at last walk through on the 16th.

Maggots- Quadrant 1- 7 (Brookside); Quad 2(Grandview)-10;Quad 3- 3; Quad 4- 2

Coddling moths-Quadrant 1- 1; 2- 6; 3- 2; 4- 0

--Spray Update (Rick) 1st insect spray was June 3rd; 2nd spray date pending

***2022 Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.**

-Updated adoption & availability list – no new adoptions reported

-Progress on feedback form as an alternative to Monkey survey to get more responses from adopters on tree issues and harvest.

***Concert Update: July 7 and 21 Aug 4 and 18**

Publicity-Debbie will inform the written media; Kayla will do social media postings

Banners-will check barn

Posters-HS unable to provide

Table at concert-Barry will man a table for adoption apps, selling his handy work developed from orchard branches. And volunteer contribution can

**Cider Squeeze Task Sheet –reviewed task sheet emailed to all members. Identified what needs to be done before next meeting in preparation for the squeeze. Awnings- (Larry) determine how many we have and need, sandbags*(Rick) to hold down awnings, voted not to invite a food truck, Apple Crispy Costume (Jill), CORE approved purchases of supplies but approval for purchase of apples was delayed. Bill wanted to know if purchasing a bin was better than getting the proposed 5- 40lb boxes from Latin's. Rick was checking on prices of purchasing apples from Tacoma Boys. We need to make a decision at the August meeting. Group decided to use social media for promoting the squeeze vs. posters.*

Teddy Bear Picnic in the orchard- Jill will be there to assist as needed

Tour of the Orchard identify tree concerns-due time and rain cancelled tour

Scabs and mildew have been identified. Bill said we need to watch for leaf curl, leaves turning from green to yellow, leaves wilting, and apples dropping.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 2, 2022