

CORE Minutes – May 4

Zoom Meeting 6pm

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

Approval of Minutes-April minutes approved

Treasurer's Report -Orchard account has \$18,315.76. In this balance \$4,630 was from adoptions. We have invoices and supply receipts pending. There is an invoice from the Sweets for pruning contract, outstanding expenses for coddling moth traps and lures to be reimbursed to Debbie K. Pollination Services of \$450 was approved for payment to Rick Mercier. He will be forwarding invoice to Sue.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative April had 164 volunteer orchard hours (3 volunteer signed in with no hours noted). Report to the City needs administrative hours also. Send AD hours to Kris.

Staff Report- They will be removing the pruning banner. City is turning on irrigation next week.

Website – The account was reinstated but Lori still had problems making changes. Debbie and Lori worked with Go Daddy to fix the website.

Tree Maintenance

Spray Update – Rick Bees are still in Orchard. No spraying till we let them know when the bees have been removed.

Bee Update- 3 boxes were pull out and on the ground Rick suspect birds. This caused the loss of 1000 Bees. Rick replace those bees. 7,500 bees were placed in the orchard. Two sites well house and behind the barn have ceased to be active. The Bees are avoiding these two sites. Rick will work on the reason with why the bees are avoiding these sites.

Update on Pruning list- Robert and Ian Sweet- They are done need to submit invoices.

Insect Trap & Test Tree Signage Dates –cost has risen on the lures and coddling moth traps. Debbie due to the cost bought 16 coddling moth traps. This is one per tree. She bought 32 lures to hang 2 per tree. Volunteers will meet at the barn at 1:00 pm Monday to hang traps, lures and sticky apples. (Debbie, Sue, Jill, Kayla W, Steve, Ben and Barry)

Pruning Events

- Feedback re past pruning events

-Volunteer workers at pruning events-Jill reported that 25 members of the Curtis Tennis team came to help remove branches from the orchard.

They worked very hard moving the branches. Worthington's truck and the Craig Foust's truck were loaded numerous times for trips the dumpster. This was evident by the volume of branches at the lower dumpster. (Pictures available) We will be to sending a Thank You to UP Refuse for the dumpsters.

-Jill stated that the Community Hours and Website has been reinstated

-Pole saw purchase? Harvest bucket purchase? Debbie will be getting an estimate on the purchase of pole saws and harvest bucket. The group felt the

tools were important since adopters cannot use ladders in the orchard. (Per the City)

Kudos – Thank you Barry for the pressure washing of the barn and rocks!

Tree Adoptions – Kayla W - # OF TREES ADOPTED_143____

OF TREES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION 44 (does not include immature trees)

Clarification re \$70 adoption fee. How to handle the adoption fees when it is determined that the pruning season has ended. The fees are \$45 for adopters doing their own pruning. However, when the pruning season ends the fee changes to \$70. App and adoption brochure currently has the ending date for adopter prunes fees at the end of April. Trees are blooming sooner due to climate change. It was decided that next year we would change the cut off for pruning your own tree to end of March rather than the end of April. Kayla W asked could the web application eliminate the \$45 adopter since pruning season has ended.

Adoption Brochures – Do we have any 2021 brochures left? Kayla W put brochures in the barn. She filled all the Kiosks boxes at both locations. Kayla W will let Sue know they are in the barn. Sue will need them for the garden tour resource table. Barry is a source as he has organized the barn.

Adopter Email problem? Adopters report not getting our adopter emails. It appears to be a SPAM problem. It is nothing we need to correct.

Tree Tags –Kris all are on the trees

Personalized Tree Sign Policy – We currently tag the trees and adopters have the option to purchase from Barry a wood sign with their name on it. \$5 of the \$15 is given to the orchard. It was decided that a policy should be in place that give CORE the right of refusal on adopter signs. A draft policy will be presented to CORE at a future meeting.

Disease and Insect Class was cancelled --*Info online –email to be sent to adopters (also see info and thinning)* letting them know where the information is located.

Cider Squeeze Discussion- City cancelled Duck days. No one is ready for large group activities. One option discussed with city approval would be a cider squeeze for adopters only by appointment in September.

Other

UP Historical Society Garden Tour –May 15 and 16 -- Sue will drop off brochures for the event.

Jill had volunteered to work on repairing the sign board. They determined what boards needed to be replace. Jill asked for CORE’s approval to paint the frame with Red to increase the life of the sign. CORE approved Jill’s request. Rick asked that any painting wait till Bees are gone.

Next Zoom Meeting: Tues, June 1 Zoom 6pm