

CORE Minutes-Dec 7,2021

Zoom meeting 6:00 PM

Attendees: Larry Warwick, Barry Crust, Kayla Williams, Rick Mercier, Bill Horn, Sue Gurley, Debbie Klosowski, Myra Zyburt, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes: November approved with a correction that Sue would contact the UP City's concert coordinator.

Treasurer's Report –2021 adoption monies \$5795.00, expenses \$5,607.10, Balance \$16,378.30
Sue reminded members to get in any pending receipts to her. The City is closing their books for 2021. We were reminded that receipts for supplies used for the orchard projects are needed for reimbursement. There is no reimbursement without receipts.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard 41.5 hours and Administrative 17 hours

Staff Report -no report and no update on irrigation issues this will take time.

Website --Debbie reports Lori did the updates, feedback on website: the group decided to not mention possible COVID restrictions when posting the date of the Apple Squeeze.

Orchard Maintenance

--Irrigation- No Update

--Spray Update –Rick submitted edits to the contract on Nov 8th no feedback yet. Rick will follow up to make sure dormant spray is timely.

*Orchard Activities

--**Tool Sharpening-** Debbie asked approval to use a Vulcan Knife to sharpen tools \$8 pruners and \$12 pruners. She will take several to test out the business. Bill Horn reminded us that he planned to add how to sharpen tools after his insect class in May.

Tree Signage-Larry and Barry they have been working together to come up with 3 sample sign using the cricut label maker for adopter names on wooden signs. Barry had sent the samples of the completed signs to core by email and showed them at the meeting. The feedback was that the signs looked fabulous. The Cost was for Larry \$18 for 36 feet for name making. Barry was able to use salvaged wood from various sources, which he donated for the signs. This allows that there is no cost to the adopters. Barry's sealant and markers would be a cost to him. An advantage of the design was that the name panel is removable. This allows the sign to be reused for new adopters when necessary. It was requested that the signs be hung low so adopters can see their names on the tree after the leaves develop on the trees. This will also help the public to know which trees are adopted trees.

***Adoption Brochures-Kayla, Sue and Kris-** The renewal letter and application pamphlets have been mailed. Kayla will send an email to alert last year's adopters that renewal applications are in the mail. **The email reminds adopters the deadline for the application and payment to**

retain their trees is due December 28th. New tree requests/payment can submitted this month but cannot be assigned till January 2022.

***Pruning Banner** – Sue will be getting the banner updated.

Concert Update- Sue contacted the city regarding support for our concerts in the summer. Their point of contact was Miriam Holloway. Sue will be contacting their concert contractor to see what he charges for his services. City's focus for the up coming year will be providing Jazz music.

Other? Debbie read the feedback section from the Curran Orchard website. There was a question regarding grafting from a visitor. Bill Horn pointed out grafting can bring problems for our trees if from an outside sources. We can let individuals know when we are pruning and that they are welcome to our cuttings. Local Fruit society can be a good source for providing information on grafting.

Rick and Ian have been talking about how do we recruit new members to our group? This is important agenda item for future meetings.

Barry says the new gate lock has problems- let Barry or Tony know if there is a problem.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 6:00 PM Zoom meeting