

## CORE Minutes- August 3, 2021

Zoom meeting 6:00 PM

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

Approval of Minutes- Minutes approved with a correction that apple distribution on the 28<sup>th</sup> starts at 9 not 7.  
Treasurer's Report –We had \$4,380.64 in expenses; adoptions totaled \$5395.00, leaving a Balance of \$17,317.76.

Volunteer Hours – July Orchard hours were 68.5 and Administrative 8.0

Staff Report-30 yards of chips were delivered to the Orchard. Tony sent an email that indicated that the city will help take care of the vegetation. However, the city crew is swamped. Debbie reported seeing dead weeds but they still need removal. This may indicate the city sprayed the weeds.

Website – needs to be adjusted to say that adoptions are over

### **Orchard Maintenance**

--Ground Cover – Barry indicated the improvement under 7 trees is due to the assistance of his grandchildren. He also cleared 9 trees of weeds.

--Irrigation – Larry sent feedback on his work on the irrigation system. He installed new drip irrigation in row 26 trees 1-7. He has been monitoring the new drip lines. He is only seeing small amount of damp soil. Debbie said the city-increased irrigation by 20% due increased temperatures. Bill pointed out the 50 year old trees are planted in sand soil per report a few years ago. It drains fast. How much water is needed 1 to 1 1/2 inches a week. Debbie will contact the city to see if there can be improvement in the amount of water.

--Insect Trap hanging and updates – Debbie had the task to checking traps this year. Coddling moths were seen but the numbers were small. The two test trees with the most were 14-3 and Debbie's tree. We will monitor the quality of apples in those trees. Coddling moth will attack the core and exit out the side per Bill.

--Windfall –Debbie suggested that we take pictures of the windfalls around the trees to show adopters. She will be sending a draft of an email on windfalls and preparation for picking of apples to CORE for feedback. Debbie observed apples that have black spots are they attributed to lack of water or heat? Bill responded most likely they are attributed to heat.

**Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.** The cut off was at the end of July. Prior to deadline there was application for two additional trees. This leaves us with on 35 trees not adopted. Update we have total of four new adopters as application postmarked July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Is volunteerism back for High School Students?** Jill sent email to the HS contact waiting for response. She will follow up with our questions.

-How would we promote volunteering in this new environment?

Jill is working with a high school student who is volunteering 40 hours at the orchard.

**Jill has set up 4 tours.** Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27, 28, and October 14 all in the AM

**D.A.R. Picnic**-Barry assisted with Daughters of the American Revolution that arrived while he was painting the barn. They were educated on the Orchard and assisted in making their picnic a success. It led to a discussion of communications between the city and CORE when an event is scheduled at the orchard. All event requests must go through the city. We are hoping we will get informed to assist to avoid any conflicts.

**Barn painting**-Barry painted south side and part of the front. He will do well house in the future.

**August 7<sup>th</sup> celebration of life-** Debbie was contacted by the Aunt who is coordinating this event for the passing of young family member. Debbie was able to explain what was needed to protect the trees. She informed the caller that the approval of the event rests with the City not the Orchard.

Fortunately a spray was administered on July 31<sup>st</sup> so none planned for August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rick was asked what spray was administered on the 31<sup>st</sup>- Arena

**Harvest High Density/Espalier apples will** be picked and bagged on the **27<sup>th</sup> 9-12**. Plastic bags may be needed checking barn for a supply. As time allows we will be clearing vegetation and spreading bark.

**August 28<sup>th</sup> 9-12** has been set aside for distribution of apples to adopters whose trees have not produced. An email will direct adopter to contact us if they need apples or come to the barn on the 28th.

**August 29th 10 to 4** will be Orchard Clean up day. We will be removing vegetation, windfalls, and placing bark under the tree.

**Taping trees** will be covered in the information email. In addition, they should post do not pick signs if they want to pick their own apples. We have a few signs in barn otherwise adopters need to make their own signs and hang them on their tree.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** the orchard will be **open to the public to pick except trees taped and marked adopter will pick.**

**Gleaners?** Have not been contacted but we will be checking with them.

**Any new email addresses?** Robert Sweet's changed to: robertsweetarborist@centurylink.net

Any other email, addresses or phone number changes? CORE member list was attached to August agenda. I need members to review for any changes in phone numbers, email address or physical addresses. I will send revision with the August minutes. Debbie wants everyone to keep a copy for communications between members. I had a hiccup when changing Debbie's email address.

It should be debbieklosowski10@gmail.com

**Zoom Meeting:        Tues, Sept 7 – 6pm**