

CORE Minutes-March 1, 2022

Zoom Meeting 6:00 pm

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

Approval of Minutes- February Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report- adoption fees received \$4000. Current balance to date \$20,789.79 Website costs pending

Volunteer Hours – Orchard 162.5 and Administrative 12

Staff report- Garry Cooper's final day was February 28th. Tony West will be our contact till a replacement is named.

Tony will have more chips delivered to the orchard.

Orchard MAINTENANCE

--Irrigation Update (Debbie) Tony suggested that we contact the City Manager and Mayor regarding the status of the irrigation study. Debbie will be sending a letter to each.

--Spray Update (Rick) – Rick has not heard when the dormant spray was done which was attempted on January 29th. It could not be done that day as the orchard had volunteers attending Pruning Day. Debbie Sage has passed on the Orchard's activity schedule to the contractor to avoid conflicts. Rick was asked to request an update.

*2022 Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.

Adoption to date -95 a total of 103 have been assigned counting 5 tour trees plus 3 donated trees.

-CORE set up the procedure that Kayla would provide Debbie the updated list on March 4th. This will allow her time to update the Kiosk prior to the March 5th pruning day. Kayla is letting Barry and Larry when she adds new adopters. She will provide an up to dated list of adopters/trees prior to pruning day. This will help CORE volunteers know what trees are available if they receive adoption requests on pruning days.

-Kayla will do an email to adopters reminding them of the pruning date. She will ask adopters who have completed pruning their tree if they could help with the Core's pruning list.

***Social Media (Facebook, email, suburban times, patch, up neighborhood, other?) re adoptions** -Debbie and Kayla S Will continuing to keeping social media updated. Kayla W will be doing emails to adopters prior to pruning days.

***Tree Signage – Larry and Barry** -Barry reported a 185 signs are completed. Barry made signs for all available trees. The ones without names will allow people to know what trees are available when in the orchard. To accommodate all the names requested for the sign has been challenging. It was proposed that we might need to consider limiting the characters available to be used on the signs for next year. Barry has accommodated the requests for all the family names but it is hard with the space available along with the time involved.

*Orchard Activities- Jill

-Pruning Event Recap 12th Barbara/Howard/Barry had- 13 volunteers (3 students)

26th Jill/Sue/Barry had -18 volunteers (9 students)

Robert and Ian instructed adopters and others on correct pruning techniques

*Pruning Party – Sat, March 5 & 19 10am-1pm

--Who will be there? Pruning instruction, volunteer hours, and tool check out? Jill, Barry, Debbie Kris

--Reminder email re date and review pruning instructions on website, brochures in barn

***Concert Update – Sue will be submitting to the city the request for a special permit for approval to have concerts in the park. Once approval received for concerts in the Orchard, Sue will write a request to the Mayor asking if the city could pay for a MC and a food truck for our concert. Bands have contact to Sue wanting to play in the orchard. The Military Bands are available for more dates. There are several different Military bands available Rock, Brass, and New Orleans Jazz.**

Fun Run- a proposal from Marian Holloway to have a 5K fund run the weekend before the Squeeze. City would use this as a fundraiser. It would start and end in the Orchard. There was a group discussion. There was a consensus that the week before the squeeze might effect our apple crop. Fun Run participants could pick the apples needed for the Squeeze. The group preferred that the orchard be made available for the Fun Run after the Squeeze. Debbie will take our concerns and suggestion back to Marian Holloway.

Go Daddy hosting-renewal cost due at the end of March. Lori “webmaster” says there is a better web development company WIX. She uses WIX with other groups. Its cost is \$168 a year or \$360 for 3 years. With WIX Lori will do a new website for the Orchard. Other members have WIX and agree it’s a good system. It was decided to change to WIX and pay for 3 years.

***Other items**

-CORE recruitment-tabled

-Curran Apple Orchard Park –tree replacement policy-March 2020-tabled

-Question could deer resistant flowers help with Bee pollination to increase apple production?

Rick who supplies the Mason Bees said flowers would in deed give the bees a new food source to help pollination. We would need more research regarding the use of flowers.

-Barry – the Porta Potty is moving down the hill so recommends relocation.

-Jill – Curtis High School will be having a resource fair April 11 5-7. In the past Curran Orchard has been present. Who wants to attend?

-Rick asked about height reduction. Kayla has the old height reduction list. After meeting, Debbie walked through the orchard to identify trees needing height reduction. (24). January 2020 we paid Darwin Tucker Tree Services for reducing the height of 16 trees. Rick will work with Darwin Tucker to get an estimate for height reduction on the 24 trees.

-Barry has labeled the trees on the Belgium fence and high-density section with tags regarding the type of trees. It was suggested that to Barry it would be nice to have tags on the trees on the Curran Orchard sign. CORE thanked Barry for this informative activity that will help answer questions for visitors to the Orchard.

-Barry let us know that his ATV will be leaving soon. It is used for distributing mulch and pruned branch removal.

Next Meeting: Tues, April 5, 2022