

**CORE Minutes August**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024**

**6pm -8pm**

**UP Civic Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room**  
**3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**Attendees: Debbie Klosowski, Rich Knowles, Rick Mercier, Jill Worthington, Barry Crust, Bill Horn, Sue Gurley, Connor Lucey, Anne Knuton, Kayla Williams, Jessica Hannity, Kris Docherty**

**Welcome Anne and Connor**

**Approval of Minutes July minutes approved**

**Treasurer's Report \$12,112.42 (includes Windows and new concert banner)**

**Volunteer Hours – Orchard 32.5**

**Staff Report-** Tony -last insecticide spray between August 26 and Sept 6th

**Website -** Sydney is still in the process of updating the CORE minutes on Website.

**Old Business**

**\*Orchard Maintenance**

- Insect Update - Annette and Robert review of Debbie's report – we have not heard the results
- Sprays Rick states last spray was done on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Jessica will be checking with Farmer Ed who is interested in find falls. Core said he come into the orchard on the road just do not drive through the orchard. She will check in with Harvest Pierce County volunteers.
- Thinning/Windfall/Taping Update- Monty has been working on the High-Density area
- Branch Pick up- we need volunteers for the trees with branches Jill has message to HS and Mormon missionaries
- Tree Order – Debbie ordered the tree from Rain Tree which will be available next spring. Rick's observation based on the growth of the King "trees" that they will be able to provide the wood needed for grafting by March.

**\*Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.**

- Updated lists – Kayla say an updated list will be made available prior to the Saturday squeeze
- Lists with ALL contact info to Debbie and Jill
- Response from Make A Difference Foundation They are connected to a local foodbank. The golden delicious tree assigned to them are the following: 5-1, 6-6, 6-9,7-6,10-4, 17-5
- Tree Tags – Barry He needed the Make a Difference golden delicious group assignments then he is up to date.

**\*Concerts**

- Feedback regarding concerts so far- well attended and appealing to a variety of audiences.
- Remaining concerts: Aug 8, Aug 15
- While leaving the concert, we noticed a major limb breakage which demonstrates danger of climbing these old trees(esp. during fruit season) and effect of failure to thin. This was a free tree. Kayla confirms that the Free trees adopters get letter informing them of their responsibilities.
- United Church is the sponsor for the summer concerts. They have made their parking lot available for concert attendees.

**\*Cider Squeeze – Monty and Rich**

- Press Update –We are having problems filling our slots with adopters. Monty has managed to increase the number of pressers available this year. It is the last weeks of summer, so a lot of people are not available. Debbie will be sending out information locally informing the local community that we have open slots for a cider squeeze by appointment. Jill's email address will be used for appointments.
- Number of slots- 100 slots less than 46 filled
- Volunteers – Jill She has contacted the high school and the Mormon missionaries for help on the day of the squeeze.

- Jugs – Debbie will obtain more to be safe. Jugs \$2.00 Bags of apples\$ 5.00 (reality jugs 1.00 and adopters without apples on trees 2 bags free , non-adopter apples \$5.00 a bag)
- Gleaners – Jessica working on this as stated above under orchard maintenance.
- Taping tree Emails & Process- Debbie will send a reminder
- Picking and bagging high density apples will be 9-11 am on the August 16<sup>th</sup>. This year Jill and Kris will receive the apples by wheel barriers. They will inspect them for apple maggots and codling moth infection. They will bag after inspection. The obvious bad apples will be purged in the high-density area.

\*Community Harvest Day – Sunday, Aug 25 10am to 4pm We will need maps of orchard, volunteer jobs that can be done during the year and a receipt book when participants want to donate cash which includes who accepted the donation. We will need a volunteer sign-up sheet with contact information with names, emails, or phone numbers for us to contact them. Volunteers can be told what our needs in the fall. We need volunteers to pick up windfalls, weeding, tape removals after 10/1 , spreading mulch, assisting in removal, updating and installing tree signs. Presented at the last meeting do we want to accept application and money during **the Harvest Day event only**? They would be informed that no assignment of a tree for new adopter till January 1, 2025. No final decision was made.

\*Other

-Several CORE members say there are trees that are misidentified. This would be a good time to have Robert and others to check the trees in question in preparation for the new adoption season. Kayla will need to make the correction prior to December.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 3**

- Cider Squeeze/Community Harvest Review
- Review Adoption Brochure