

March 1, 2021. Board Meeting Minute
CATS Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Attendance: Barbara White, Robin Hanes, Rachel Keen, Michelle Cormier Toine Wyckoff, Penny Kaiserlian, Martha Orton, Mary Spear, Kathy Nepote, Libby Gretz, Mark Zollinhofer

President's Welcome

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Secretary: Toine Wyckoff

February Minutes approved

President's Report: Barbara White

HB 504 Chesapeake Bay Preservation of Mature Trees

Barbara submitted a letter of support of this House Bill to Delegates Sally Hudson and John McGuire of the Virginia Legislature.

CATS Organizational Document

Barbara acknowledged the year's work Dorothy Smith did in updating this document and that at this point, there needs to be a cross referencing of the by-laws with the organizational document to finalize the update. It was suggested that perhaps Jackie Vawter would be interested in helping with this large task. Barbara will reach out to her.

Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant

Barbara applied for and received a grant of \$ 4,478.00. This will be used to purchase 32 trees, cages and ties. The trees will be 4 trees each of 8 different species. The fall Tree Steward class (if permitted to meet) will plant 2 demo trees (ideally, one bare-rooted tree and one balled tree) and then an additional 20 trees at Darden Towe Park. CATS members will plant the remaining trees at a later date. Albemarle Parks and Recreation or Allen Ingling will dig auger holes. This grant will need to be completed by the fall.

Past President: Rachel Keen

Rachel reported that the CATS OLLI Class "Tree Blindness" has 26 people registered. Libby will send out the BLAST reminding everyone of the class which will begin April 26. The class will include 6 lecture classes. The last class will be a virtual tree walk that Tom Wild and Donna Vinal recorded with Bill Sublette. They organized individual tree videos that they had done for the Piedmont Botanical Garden. Cost is \$75 for an OLLI membership and \$77 for the class itself.

President-Elect: Robin Hanes

Robin and Camille Wilson have been planning for Arbor Day celebrations with CTC members- Peggy Van Yahres, Paul Josey and Mark Zollinhofer. The main event of the day is being coordinated by Camille which will be at Walker School. It will highlight 4 different kinds of trees forming the allee bordering the playing field south of the school. The school Principal is very enthusiastic about having the Arbor Day celebration at Walker School. Bryan Wheeler who is with the Charlottesville's City's press has done Arbor Day videos in the past and has been asked

to do the video of Walker School. There will also be efforts to get Press out to cover the Bur Post Oak Landmark Tree at Maplewood Cemetery.

On March 13 a potting party has been scheduled at the nursery to get 100 small trees potted. The Spring Tree Sale is scheduled for April 16 and will follow the guidelines of the Fall Tree Sale. This time, not only will CATS members be invited but also VDOF staff and Associate members.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Cormier

ASSETS

Sun Trust Checking	\$ 6,158.94
Sun Trust Money Market	<u>20,131.79</u>
Total checking/Savings	26,290.73
Cash	100.00
Total ASSETS	\$ 26.390.73

The Treasury's report was mailed to all members before Board Meeting.

A check in the amount of \$2500.00 has been donated to CATS by Jeremy Caplin. This is designated for a tree planting project proposed for the 10th and Paige Street areas of Charlottesville. There are no restrictions nor time-lines attached to this donation. Kendra and William are working with several people at CTC in figuring out what this will look like down the road.

Tree Commission Report: Mark Zollinhofer

As there is already an active committee working on Arbor Day-Robin and Camille from CATS, Peggy and Paul Josey from CTC- Mark is gathering information for next year as he will be the lead on Arbor Day for CTC.

Tree planting projects CTC are interested in are Franklin Street and 10 and Paige neighborhoods. They are looking at getting City of Promise involved along with Jeremy Caplin by this fall or next spring. At this point, Mark thinks an ad hoc committee of CTC/CATS is needed.

Paul Josey has updated a Master Tree List for City developers to use.,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Projects: Kathy Nepote

Due to weather, only one project was able to take place this past month.

- Feb. 23 Pruning - John Warner Parkway
- March 3 Jackson-Via- Invasive cleanup
- March 11 VDOF- Arboretum Pruning
- March 20 The CATS Grove- invasive cleanup/pruning
- March 25 Berkmar Drive - Pruning
- March 26. North East Park- invasive clean-up/removal

Always check calendar for project dates.

March 10 Next Projects Committee Zoom meeting at 9:00

Communications: Penny Kaiserlian Martha Orton

Promoting March Tree Basics classes has been the focus this past month, otherwise it has been a quiet month. There continues to be more outreach to folks interested who live outside of our area or state. Martha reports that our CATS Facebook page remains active with small increases in memberships.

Education: Mary Spear

March 20-Tree Basics Class: Select, Plant, and Care for Trees (Zoom). Register on CATS website

March 24-Monthly Membership Meeting. Jeremy Hoffman, chief scientist at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond.

March 5-Education will meet to discuss the timing for the Tree Steward training class.

CATS Photo Library- (SmugMug)needs some work so will be sending out to a few people to try out and figure out best way to use

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board approved the language that Tim and Mary wrote for the CATS website and the use of the donate button. There was a question regarding the background and the logo.

Penny will talk with Michelle regarding any donation over \$250 which requires a note from the President.

Penny inquired if the Board wanted to move forward with Pay Pal as it will take some time to set up. The Board responded yes.

Libby reported 89 paid CATS members.

Adjourned 2:17 pm

Next Virtual Zoom Meeting: April 5, 2021 1:00-3:00