

CATS Virtual BOARD MEETING
September 6 ,2021

Attending: Robin Hanes, Rachel Keen, Penny Kaiserlian, Michelle Cormier, Kathy Nepote, Tim Maywalt, Martha Orton, Mary Spear, Toine Wyckoff

As President Barbara White is away, President-Elect Robin Hanes led the meeting today.

Secretary's Report: Toine Wyckoff

Minutes approved after a clarification by Barbara White (via email) regarding name of Grant being used to fund the planting of trees at Darden Towe.

President's Report: Robin Hanes

Update for the Code of Conduct

The Code was presented to the membership meeting at the June 23, 2021 Membership meeting as being developed from many sources. Board added a last line: In the case an issue is not able to be resolved between people, it should be sent to the Board's Executive Committee; President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and, as an ex-officio member, the Immediate Past President. This policy will need to be voted on by membership.

Robin has talked with the Minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church (where we held the annual summer CATS picnic) and the church would like a tree to replace the White Oak that is dying.

Robin suggested consulting with Bartlett Tree service for a recommendation on the best site for the new tree to be planted.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Cormier

August, 2021.		Total Income January-August	
Income	308.		18,425.61
Expense	1,191.01	Expenses.	8,710.68
Net Income	-882.43.	Net Income	9,724.93

As always, Michelle sent members copies of expenditures and income for each of the respective committees.

Michelle will reach out to Joe Simard for clarification for the need of the continuing cost of Enom.

Past President: Rachel Keen

No updates

Committee Reports:

Communications: Penny Kaiserlian Martha Orton

Penny reports a quiet month with promotions. There was one tabling event at Fluvanna County but no others. There will be an ad in the C'ville regarding the Tree Sale October 9.

Penny advised the Board she would be stepping down as Communications chair in 2022. She will help with a few tasks but someone else needs to take the lead. Many thanks were given to Penny for the excellent work she has done over the years in a job that has many moving parts.

Projects: Kathy Nepote

There have been no projects during the month of August and few over the summer months. The Projects committee will meet September 14 with projects and dates to be scheduled. UVA students have reached out to CATS for volunteer opportunities; however, with the tree Steward classes on Saturdays, there is no weekend time. Kathy advised them that we would schedule projects in November and December and they would be notified.

Tree Sale: Robin Hanes

Phyllis, who is organizing the tree sale, has had some difficulty in getting volunteers. Tim suggested reaching out to members of the new Tree Steward class. Robin agreed that 4 students would be great. 300+ trees will be loaded on 3 pickups the day before the sale to be unloaded at 7:30 the next morning and put on tables for sale by 8:00. Phyllis is working on the schedule.

Education: Tim Maywalt Mary Spear

Mary has emailed all Board members the future schedule of the speakers for the membership meetings.

Tim- Tree Basics started their first live tree walk yesterday at Pen Park. Thursday evening 9/9/2021 Kathy will give her Wildlife Talk on Zoom.

The Fall Tree Stewards class is going well with the Invasive Plant Id and Control class held on September 4th at Azalea Park.

Continuing or Unfinished Business

Barbara:

Founders Tree sign and Dedications; planning for October 27 after the in-person Membership meeting at VDOF.

Things to be done before this meeting:

Workday before meeting to weed and mulch the Arboretum

Invitation to all Founders

Email Blast to members with a picture of the Hackberry tree, or a branch of the tree (need a picture)

Refreshments

Invitations to Rob Ferrell, Lara Johnson, Molly O'Liddy, Terry Lasher, Ed Zimmer, Bettina Ring, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Joe Schafer, Becky Woodson, Jeff & Percy, Adam Downing

10th and Page Project

Kendra is meeting this week with Jeremy to talk about setting up neighborhood visits, types of trees that need to be ordered from Southern States, holes to be dug for the trees, and residents who may want a tree.

Memorial Tree Program-Should CATS develop a program to provide this service?

Board had agreed several months ago to watch and see how the planting of the Memorial Tree at PVCC turns out. Mary Spear said that they were planning on planting a tree in mid-October. There had been a request for a Magnolia and there is a search underway for a large tree to be in a sunny location. Mary will send out invitations for this planting when a date has been set.

New Business

Stressed Gateway Trees

18 trees have scale and sooty mildew. Robin has contacted Dan Fowley several times about spraying these trees. Dan was going to look into this and get back to Robin. The Board acknowledged the Gateway Project was a major project for CATS and if need be, we would pay for the expenses to spray and take care of these trees.

Nominations for 2022

As President-Elect, Robin is in charge of finding candidates for Board positions that will become vacant in 2022. These are President-Elect, Communications Chairperson and Secretary. The slate of nominees will be announced in October and in November presented to the Membership. There will be a reminder that anyone can put themselves forward for a position. Voting will take place at the December Membership meeting. Also, to be considered is a second person to help with Treasurer.

NEXT MEETING: First Monday of the month-Virtual Zoom

October 4, 2021, 1:00-3:00

Watch for link from va.treelady@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned 2:42

Respectfully submitted,
Toine Wyckoff