

November 1, 2021 Virtual Board Meeting

Attending: Barbara White, Robin Hanes, Rachel Keen, Michelle Cormier, Kathy Nepote, Tim Maywalt, Mary Spear, Penny Kaiserlian, Toine Wyckoff, Marth Orton, Libby Gretz, Kendra Hall

Secretary: Toine Wyckoff

Approval of corrected October Minutes

President's Report: Barbara White

The Founder's Day celebration at the October in-person membership meeting at VDOF was an outstanding day. Beautiful fall weather complemented the outdoor dedication with the presence of 7 of the Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards Founders.

Past President: Rachel Keen

Rachel reminded the Board the process for new candidates for Board offices.

November: Candidates are Introduced at Membership meeting

December: Voting is held at membership meeting. If the meeting is virtual, it needs to be set up in advance to accommodate on-line voting as we did in 2021.

President Elect: Robin Hanes

Robin presented the slate of nominees for the 2022 CATS Board. Voting will take place at the December 15 membership meeting.

President elect-JoAnn Dalley

Secretary- Alison Brill

Remaining in their current positions:

Treasury- Michelle Cormier

Projects- Kathy Nepote

Education- Tim Maywalt- Mary Spear

Communication- Penny Kaiserlian- Martha Orton. Robin has been unable to find someone to take on Communications even as Penny announced her retirement from this committee months ago. Penny has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found. Mary Spear and Libby discussed sharing some of the responsibilities with Martha organizing clippings while Mary, Tim and Kathy continued posting their events. A big job of Communication is promoting events through emails. Mailchimp seemed to be a feasible way to deal with the volume of this task. Mary agreed to help with Mailchimp. There was also a suggestion to pay someone to do the many jobs that are part of Communications. It was decided to revisit this option next month after Penny and Mary have had time to consider.

Tree Sale-Phyllis has sent write up regarding the tree sales. Over the past 7 years CATS has sold 3,727 trees. Robin and Barbara have been talking with Rob Farrell at VDOF regarding holding the tree sale there rather than another location. Also, being discussed is the possibility of reducing the CATS rental charges.

Emmanuel Baptist church- Robin has been in communication with Bartlett Trees and the church community regarding a replacement for their White Oak. The church committee felt they needed more time before coming to a decision and will get back to Robin.

Treasury Report: Michelle Cormier

Michelle has sent out complete reports to all board members.

As of 10/31/21	Money Market	\$28,133.00
	Checking Account	5,993.00
	Petty cash	100.00
	Total Assets	\$34,226.00

Projects: Kathy Nepote

Check the Blast for October projects. November Projects meeting will be November 10 and future project dates will be added to the calendar. Sign up on TIF.

10th and Page Street project-Kendra Hall

Scheduled planting of 6 trees on 10th Street Nov. 14. Second planting of 2-4 trees will be first week of December. Homeowners very excited and happy to be getting trees.

Lapel pins: After sending Board members pictures to approve of proposed lapel pin, Kendra will be ordering this year's pins for those members completing 25 volunteer hours.

Communications: Penny Kaiserlian. Marth Orton

Communications has finished promotions for the year with the last Tree ID walk offered for CATS members Saturday Nov. 20 at Mint Springs Valley Park in Crozet. Emily Ferguson will lead the walk. Martha reported that there were 950 views of CATS Founders Day Dedication on our Facebook page.

Education: Tim Maywalt Mary Spear

Our November Membership speaker is confirmed. Mary Hughes, UVA landscape architect, who will describe the Landscape Master Plan for the Ivy Emmet Corridor development.

Discussion regarding in person December membership meeting at Ivy Creek which has been reserved. Poll taken among Board members who would/ would not attend in person. With few wanting to attend in person, the decision was made to have the membership meeting on Zoom.

Tree Steward Training class

Nov. 13 is the last day of class with 20 trees to be planted by students and Tree Steward trainers. Following the plantings, graduation will be held with presentations of certificates and for a few, a cap and pin for achieving 25 hours of volunteer work.

Memorial Tree

A plaque (\$25) attached on a rock purchased from Snow's will be placed at the site of the memorial tree for Beryl Solla at PVCC.

Continuing Business or Unfinished Business:

MOU & MOA from CRPD-Barbara has sent Chris G. an email requesting a Zoom meeting but has not heard back from him.

New Business:

Memorial Conifer Tree for Maude Henne.

Maude was a long-time member of CATS, who along with her husband Reinhard spent over 45 years creating a dwarf Conifer garden on their mountain property which still stands

today. According to Maude's obituary in the Daily Progress, she was to be buried beside her husband at the Greenwood Episcopal Church in Crozet. The Board unanimously agreed to plant a conifer memorial tree in her honor. Robin will check out the details.

December Zoom Board Meeting

December 6, 2021. 1:00-3:00

Respectfully submitted,
Toine Wyckoff