

CATS Board Zoom meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021
1:00-3:00

Attending: Barbara White, Robin Hanes, Rachel Keen, Michell Cormier, Penny Kaiserlian, Martha Orton, Kathy Nepote, Tim Maywalt, Mary Spear, Toine Wyckoff, Mark Zollinhofer, Kendra Hall, Mary Deviney, Barbara Monfort

Secretary: Toine Wyckoff
November minutes approved.

President's report: Barbara White
Committee budgets for 2022 need to be developed and submitted to Michelle. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Past President: Rachel Keen
Rachel proposed having an official CATS Archivist/Historian. It is unclear if there has ever been a central storage space for hard copies of past files, documents, or meetings' minutes. There is a designated library space for CATS at VDOF with a locked file cabinet that could be used for storage of these materials. Rachel asked if Toine would be willing to take this on and when she agreed, Barbara made a motion and the Board approved.

President-Elect: Robin Hanes
Announcements will be made at the membership meeting of the candidates for the new 2022 offices.
Robin has reached out to Kelly at Emmanuel Church regarding a memorial conifer tree to honor Maude Henne. She is still waiting for a call back.

Treasurer's Report. Michelle Cormier

YTD. Income.	\$ 24,034.00
Expenses	17,493.00
Net surplus.	\$ 6,542.00

Tree Commission Report: Mark Zollinhofer
City tree arborist Mike Ronayne has resigned and Chris G. is filling in for him until there is a new hire. The CTC president and vice president will be sitting on the interview panel. CTC meetings are the day after CATS Board meetings so Mark will send updates of tomorrow's meeting. He will be presenting CATS activities for this past year as well as reporting on our last month's speaker Mary Hughes, from UVA regarding the tree planning on Emmett Street. Barbara stressed the importance of the City to provide information on the plantings.

Education: Tim Maywalt Mary Spear
The Education committee will be looking at the 2022 budget at their next meeting.

Speakers have been scheduled for the first three months of 2022.

Tree Steward Class went well. Student evaluation surveys were given (and returned) to the students for input in determining what worked and what needed improving. This information will be helpful in planning next year's class.

Members will be sent surveys in the next week asking them to choose from several different workshops that they would be interested in attending.

Tree Walks-planning schedules for January through March.

Communications: Penny Kaiserlian. Martha Orton

Librarian is talking of the possibility of a symposium in January/February
Promotions are finished for year and will resume in December for the coming year.

Mailing list is 938 as of December.

Membership: Discussion regarding keeping the cost at \$20 or raising. It was decided to keep dues at \$20. Dues will begin to be collected in December. Questions regarding using Pay Pal or Venmo. Michelle will check on Venmo.

Projects: Kathy Nepote

12/4/21 Berkmar Drive-Pruning

12/9/21 Northeast Park-Invasive control

12/11/21 Azaela Park-Invasive control

Going forward, pruning and Invasive control will be scheduled on alternating Saturdays and one day during the week. Check TIF

Projects meeting 12/8/2 9:00-10:30

10th and Page Street: Kendra Hall

11/14/21 6 trees planted at 3 residences on 10th street

12/3/21 3 trees planted at 2 residences 10th street and 10 ½ street.

12/12/21 1 tree planted at 10 ½ Street

Trees planted: Black Gum, Elm, Dogwood, PawPaw, Fig, Redbud, 3 Red Maples, Service Berry

There are several people who are still wanting trees so we are hoping to be able to do January plantings. However, the Caplin donation of \$2500 for tree plantings is close to being used. Kendra requested more funding from the Board to go forward with plantings as long as there is interest in having trees in this neighborhood. Robin proposed \$1500 for now and if more money is needed for spring plantings, Kendra can request more funding at that time. The Board agreed with this plan.

MOU & MOA

Barbara has reached out to Chris G but due to personnel shortages at Parks and Recreation, understands how busy he has been. She will keep on it.

Memorial Tree Program

This discussion moved to January Board Meeting.

New Business

Spring or fall planting with seedlings/saplings from Tree Fredericksburg

These trees could help in covering the cost of the potential project at the Periodontist office. Kathy will contact these folks as to the time of the year they are looking for the plantings to occur.

Next Virtual ZOOM meeting January 3, 2022

Link from Robin Hanes

Respectfully submitted,

Toine Wyckoff