

Laurel Tree Board Meeting  
Minutes  
3-7-24  
Council Conference room

Attendance: Walt Widdis, Paul Kober, Tom Canape, Matt Wheeler, Michelle Mize, Phyllis Bromgard, Lynn Peterson, Dan Fevold and LuAnne by phone.

1. Public Input
2. General Items.
  - a. February minutes
  - b. Arbor Day – Tuesday, May 7, Kiwanis Park (noon) “ Beauty and Opportunity” Quinn Butler, School of Life.
  - c. Fundraising –We need about \$1500 more. Paul said the Rotary and Cenex are both on board. Lions might not contribute this year. Tom Canape said he would talk to Yellowstone Bank. Albertsons, Rod and Gun will also be contacted. Tom will talk to them.
  - d. Trees –Sylvan Nursery can get us 3 Sienna Maples for \$510/ea with 1.75” caliper. They will plant the tree and provide the soil and stakes. There won’t be a guarantee.
  - e. Vendors – LuAnne has 6 vendors so far. NOAA, Bees, Weeds, FWP (fish), DNRC, Bright n Beautiful. It was suggested to call Cathy Haight at Wild Birds Unlimited. LuAnne will call her.
  - f. Shirts – Dynamic can print full color for \$10.60 plus \$3 for XX and \$4 for XXX. For 48 shirts it would cost \$500. We are using orange shirts. There isn’t a place for a banner so the only advertising will be on the shirts and the program. LuAnne is collecting sizes.
  - g. Food – SOW has agreed to serve sloppy joes again. They have a utility trailer to serve out of. Baptist church has one. Students – 114, Homeschool 10, Christian schools 25 Adults 33
  - h. Fireman and American Legion – Done by Michelle
  - i. Program – Lynn Speaker, MC - Walt? LuAnne printing and Laurel Outlook
  - j. Tents – we have two square tents....if the weather is rough we may need a bigger one.
  - k. Bathrooms, tables and chairs, stage trailer and power – Matt Wheeler

Old Business

1. City ordinance – Michelle Braukmann (city Attorney) will continue to review the city ordinance regarding liability to the city on trees on boulevards.
2. Library trees: Dan is checking on them and they both are doing OK
3. Grants for the future
4. MUCFA – Still not a member, but their convention is in March. Hopefully we can find out more about that.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:30 Council Conference Room (unless otherwise advised)