

Laurel Tree Board Meeting
Minutes
5-9-24
Council Conference room

Attendance: Matt Wheeler, Tom Canape, LuAnne Engh

1. Public Input
2. General Items.
 - a. April minutes
 - b. Arbor Day – We had to cancel the date of May 7th due to high winds and rain. We are rescheduled for May 21st. We lost two presenters but gained one.
 - c. Future Arbor Days – The suggestion to work on a Fall date for Arbor Day has been discussed for years. Those in the business of landscaping are so busy in the Spring and may have more donations and time in the Fall. If we start in 2025, Lynn said the first week in October would be best. We did it in 2020 because of COVID and it went fine...it was actually a very warm day.
 - d. DNRC – report- since we got the \$850 grant we need to collect volunteer hours, submit photos/media coverage, Trees planted and donations from the community. Michelle will submit the report .
 - e. Tree INVENTORY – The state is organizing a tree inventory for us and is looking for volunteers to help June 26-July 3
 - f. Vendors – LuAnne has 8 Presenters. NOAA, Bees, Weeds, REI, DNRC, Bright n Beautiful and Billings Arboretum, NRCS FWP – fish and USDA couldn't make the new date.
 - g. Shirts –We have distributed the shirts to the teachers, bus drivers and Baptist school/New Life schools. Cost for 49 shirts was \$494.50
 - h. Food – Jim Floketter has donated buns, hot dogs, chips. Edie Armstrong and her crew from SOW will cook and serve. We got \$100 from Albertsons that we will use for the sub sandwich, water and extras. We are getting the ice cream from Wilcoxsons at \$4.50/box (12). Dan will donate. We'll need 14 boxes (\$63) Tom has the freezer and dry ice. SOW has a utility trailer to serve out of.
Students – 114, Homeschool 10, Christian schools 25 Adults 33 Total 185
 - i. Fireman and American Legion – Done by Michelle
 - j. Article with the Outlook – They were notified of the reschedule.
 - k. Program – Lynn, Speaker Mayor will also be attending.
 - l. Bathrooms, tables and chairs and power – Matt Wheeler will deliver 12 tables, 20 chairs and we have only one outlet so we'll be using generators.
 - m. Thank you notes and gifts – LuAnne will get gift bags for the presenters and a gift card at the Yogurt Shop for Quinn
 - n. Accounts – City \$1646 – Sylvan bill should be \$1500
Foundation - \$2725 – (Dynamic \$494, vendor dinner, gift card, gifts, misc)

Old Business

City ordinance – Michelle Braukmann (city Attorney) will continue to review the city ordinance regarding liability to the city on trees on boulevards.

1. Grants for the future
2. MUCFA – Still not a member, but Scott Meyers from Billings Arboretum is now president
3. Board Members – Paul and Walt have terms that are due the end of June.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10

Next Meeting: June 13th 4:30 Council Conference Room (unless otherwise advised)