

Laurel Tree Board Meeting
Minutes
4-4-24
Council Conference room

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

1. Public Input
2. General Items.
 - a. March minutes
 - b. Arbor Day – Tuesday, May 7, Kiwanis Park (noon) “ Beauty and Opportunity” Quinn Butler, School of Life.
 - c. DNRC – report- since we got the grant we need to collect volunteer hours, submit photos/media coverage, Trees planted and donations from the community. Michelle will submit the report (LuAnne will send her a previous one). Also, Hannah from DNRC has offered to do a tree inventory for Laurel and show us how it’s done. Ours is outdated.
 - d. Fundraising – The Laurel Foundation Website has been updated so that donators see our updated information for 2024.

So far we have \$500 Rotary, \$500 Cenex, \$850 DNRC,
Aaron contacted Yellowstone Tree Surgeons, BE R Tree Specialists, Larned Trees who all will donate through the Foundation. River Ridge will also donate 3 Autumn Blaze Maples, a generator and a tent. The Autumn Blaze will be planted when River Ridge does the irrigation work in Kiwanis Park this Summer.
 - e. Trees –Sylvan Nursery will plant and mark the spots (with Matt’s help) for the 3 Sienna Maples. They will provide the planting material and equipment.
 - f. Vendors – LuAnne has 7 Presenters. NOAA, Bees, Weeds, FWP (fish), DNRC, Bright n Beautiful and Billings Arboretum.
 - g. Shirts – Dynamic can print full color for \$10.60 plus \$3 for XX and \$4 for XXX We have 48 shirts on our order. Getting the donor logos next and discussing with Dynamic whether they will do a banner.
 - h. Food – SOW has agreed to serve sloppy joes again. We may get a donation from Albertsons and it might be hot dogs. Dan has contacted Wilcoxsons for ice cream bars. They will sell at half price \$4.50/box (12). Dan will donate. We’ll need 16 boxes (\$72) Tom said he can get a freezer and we’ll use 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 – Walt will write up one before the event.
 - k. Program – Lynn, Speaker, MC - Walt? LuAnne printing and Laurel Outlook
 - 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

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. Grants for the future
3. MUCFA – Still not a member, but Scott Meyers from Billings Arboretum is now president

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10

Next Meeting: June 6th 4:30 Council Conference Room (unless otherwise advised)