

Laurel Tree Board

March 29 – 9:30

City Hall

Attending: LuAnne Engh (by phone) Walter Widdis, Matt Wheeler, Kurt Markegard, Dale Ahrens, Richard Herr, Phyllis Bromgard, Fran Schweigert, Bruce Lefler, Aaron Christensen
Guests: Pat Hart, Sue Carter

Donors: to date we have \$3200 collected outside the Walmart Grant
Recent donations include

- State Farm \$200
- Lions International \$500
- Rotary \$200
- Laurel Employee Union \$100
- DNRC \$750
- Laurel Ford \$ 50
- Ace Hardware donation of bark and t-posts (\$600)

Yellowstone Bank Check has not shown up yet – LuAnne to follow up

River Ridge is donating \$200

Baptist School is donating \$260 for the Amur Maple tree

Aaron has Meadow Green Sales and Rocky Mountain Compost

**Bethany will send out letters to donors recognizing their gifts – Kurt will draft the letter.
At our next meeting we will all sign a note to each donor thanking them for the gift.**

**LuAnne will get the logos to Dynamic and work with them on the t-shirt and banner
Deadline is April 6 for the finalizing of the printing and ordering the shirts**

Trees: Kurt sent out a request for bid and we received 3 of which the following was decided

- River Ridge – 3 Golden Willow @ \$275
- River Ridge – 4 Honey Locust @ \$280
- Canyon Creek – Unity Sugar Maple – @ \$220 Lion's Memorial Tree
- Good Earth – Amur Maple - @ \$220 Baptist School ceremonial tree

Either the LHS shop students or Pacific Steel can make plates to identify the trees – We want to do that to help educate and identify trees.

A site visit will happen before next meeting to start the holes for the trees and prepare the area with the help of the city crew and Aaron working together.

Ceremony:

- Kurt is working on the ceremony, Pastor Widdis is going to work on the program
- Boy scouts or the Legion will do the flag presentation – Aaron to contact the scouts
- Lydia should be presented with her gift
- The ceremony will start after the kids eat
- Dale offered to fill in for Linda if she can't make the ceremony due to the Space Link

Schools/schedule

- The schedule for the students won't be decided until the week before the event. We will keep our schedule flexible in order to make last minute changes.
- We know the ceremony will begin by noon and the students will leave by 2:50

Publicity:

- Pastor Widdis contacted the Outlook and they will donate the ad for Arbor Day
- Pastor will work on the Press Release and other PR at the next meeting

Lydia's gift:

- We will get her a tablet
- Dale will check with Alyson on her source of Tablets from school, otherwise
- Kurt will order from Amazon

Tee Shirts/Banner/Bracelets

- Shirt order needs to be in by April 6th
- LuAnne is collecting sizes
- LuAnne will work with Bethany to order the bracelets before the next meeting

Next Meeting : April 12th 9:30 -

Future dates – April 26

Next Agenda

1. Site layout/Set up
2. Schedule- tentative
3. Ceremony – final details – sound system, trailer
4. Publicity – Outlook, TV and radio
5. T-shirts and wrist bands - LuAnne
6. Gift for Lydia – Kurt to purchase
7. Toilets, tables, chairs, garbage cans