

Laurel Tree Board

March 15 – 9:30

City Hall

Attending: LuAnne Engh (by phone) Walter Widdis, Matt Wheeler, Kurt Markegard, Dale Ahrens, Richard Herr, Phyllis Bromgard

Guests: Pat Hart, Sue Carter

Donors: to date we have \$1800 collected outside the Walmart Grant

- Yellowstone Bank \$200
- Western Security Bank \$100
- JM Auto \$200
- NW Energy \$500
- DNRC \$750
- Laurel Ford \$ 50

Ace Hardware – Skip King- Aaron will follow up

Altana – Brent – Aaron will follow up

Local 301 – LuAnne will call Jay Hatten

Rotary – Matt will bring it up

Lions – Dale will attend their next meeting – Tuesday 6:30 @ The Owl

Tree Donors- planting supplies

- **Pastor Widdis said the Baptist School would purchase a tree**
- **Lions might want to purchase the ceremonial tree**
- Aaron sent a letter to Kurt to go out for bids on trees
- Kurt has contacted 3 suppliers but hasn't gotten bids back
- Deadline is March 29th for bids – trees need to be located by donation or purchase
- Aaron has a letter/list for donors of trees – Pastor Widdis will help him contact this list – he is asking for \$200 or a tree (\$300-\$500 value)

Grants:

- **Dale got the \$450 Walmart Grant– money to come to the school district**
- He sent a detailed letter to the store manager to help sell the grant
- This will all go to food expenses and propane

Ceremony:

- **Dale to ask Linda Flipula to attend and speak, Richard to talk to the mayor to attend**
- Next month we will focus on the ceremony
- Possibly use youth for the color guard

- **Need someone to rally the kids and cheer to make it more fun – ask Alyson**

Schools:

- **May 1st is also the International Space Station Day at LHS in the AM**
- Twice as many vendors as last year. School Groups may be smaller
- Need to get someone to take photos so we can thank our donors better

Tee Shirts – Branding logo

- Shirt order needs to be in by April 1st
- LuAnne is collecting sizes
- Only shirts for volunteers and bus drivers

Next Meeting : March 29th 9:30 - Site visit after the meeting with city staff

Future dates – April 12, 26

Next Agenda

1. Donations update
2. Trees – Aaron to report
3. Ceremony – who is speaking – Linda F – Dale to contact
4. Publicity – Outlook, TV stations – Pastor Widdis
5. T-shirts and wrist bands - LuAnne
6. Gift for Lydia
7. Site Layout of vendors, trees, SOW trailer, busses