

Tree Board Meeting

February 22, 2018 – 9:30

City all

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

10 WEEKS UNTIL ARBOR DAY!!

Fundraising: (to date) total \$1600 – Last year we spent \$2100

These are the contacts to far:

- Western Security - \$100
- J&M Auto - \$200
- Laurel Ford - \$50
- NW Energy - \$500
- DNRC - \$750
- Kings Ace – Aaron to contact Skip King ACE would like to be a presenter
- Yellowstone – Jared said yes – but may need a visit
- Altana – Brent Ranier – could use a personal visit as he prefers to donate to sports at LHS
- First Interstate – no answer yet
- Cenex – Pat Kimmet says let them know where they can help with supplies, people or funds....they want specifics
- Schessler – Julie Schessler will help – probably with supplies or materials – just needs to know
- Exchange Club – would like someone to visit a meeting – March is full – April 4th or 18th (Wednesdays at 5:30 at the Palace) LuAnne will go the 18th

Grants:

- Walmart grant (\$450) has been started – Dale said he didn't feel it went through correctly since he couldn't add any details – he'll check with the store manager or the website contact.
- No other grants at this time – Next Fall we'll still look at the Urban Forestry Grant for \$10K
- Tree City Growth Award – Aaron and Walter are still researching

Logo/Banner/T-shirts/wristbands:

- Aaron is working with Dynamic – no final logo
- we won't do the fundraising shirts since the school staff doesn't feel it will get much support
- T-shirts are still going to be Bright Yellow and Blue
- Wristbands should be less than \$100 for 250 quantity – only need two weeks

Tree Donations:

- Kurt has the list of trees from Aaron so that the city can go to bid- and solicit various vendors to give us discounts/donations
- We could use a list of needed supplies and materials (top soil, mulch, equipment, etc) that would could request from either Cenex, Schesslers, or ACE

PTA –

- Will donate water as last year
- Not interested in sponsoring a tree or t-shirts

Presenters- (to date we have 10)

We will need tables and some awnings for those that don't have them

How many from last year? Kurt (20) Aaron (1) anyone else??

- Sherri Kisch
- MNLA – Jyl Story
- Riverstone Health – Mia Dickerson
- Bright n Beautiful – Audra White
- USDA – Agriculture – Marya Stopa
- DNRC – Jeff Hermanns
- Fish Wildlife Parks – Ken Frazier
- Laurel Fire Department – JW Hopper
- NW Energy – Mark Cloud
- ACE Hardware – Skip King

FFA students – Aaron to contact

- Aaron said there have been recent changes- may not work this year

Volunteers – possible projects

- Altana Credit Union (Tricia Johnson) , Laurel Garden Club and possibly the Laurel Exchange group would be interested in volunteer work projects if we had a list. Matt was going to prepare such a work list

Lions Update –

- DOJ confirmation on a fishing dock on South Pond/ Lions Park was approved with matching funds on Feb. 15th
- Lions International will make a determination in May – Phyllis is getting the paperwork to the state President to submit on our behalf
- The earliest this project will be started will be this summer

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 15th – 9:30 at City Hall