

Trees Forever Branching Out Committee Meeting

February 11, 2016- 4:30pm

at Marshall County Extension office

Present: Gary Mason, Gary Fulton, Doni Sheldon, Janey Swartz, Sue Blaisdell, Ray Mitchem

Called to Order at 4:36pm

We received the \$1,500 Alliant Energy grant for tree planting. Gary F will sign recipient form and return to Alliant Energy by February 20.

Gary M will send out the bids for the trees that will be planted. Planting day is on April 30.

There is \$3,304 in our Trees Forever Branching Out account, as of August, 2015. Discussion was held as to whether fundraising was needed this year. It was decided that fundraising will be done. Business address labels can be obtained from the Chamber office for a small fee. Service clubs will also receive a donation request.

Tree Trimming Workshop

PR- Ray M will talk to Kyle Martin the two Fridays before workshop on Man on the Street radio program.

Notices have been put up at Hy Vee

Notice placements: Doni at Fareway and Zamora's

Janey S at Aldi and LeGrand

Gary F at Library, Grimes Farm Nature Center, MCC; Will contact Sue Fritzell, a MHS teacher about letting students know of workshop and will contact Boy Scout leaders

Sue at Courthouse

It was suggested that Libraries in Marshall County have flyer emailed to them.

Workshop Presenters-

1. Ray M will talk about Emerald Ash Borer
2. Sue B suggested that a short presentation on 'winter twigs' be included in the workshop. She and Janey will present.
3. Joe Herring, trimming trees

Gary F will pick up key to Community Building and open up at 7:00am. Committee should arrive by 8:30am. Doni will bring a sign in sheet for participants. There were already four people signed up.

Trees for Kids

A 'spring flowers' seedling packet will be ordered by Gary F. Sue B suggested the Lenihan Middle School and Fisher Elementary would be good locations for planting. She will contact the schools. Another suggested location is the south side of Golf Finch Park. Gary F will contact Sue Fritzell, MHS and Sally Wilson, MCC about students helping plant the 200 seedlings.

Next meeting: March 17th, 4:30pm at the Extension office

Meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

Doni Sheldon