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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, January 15, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. GEORGE SCHNEIDER has asked Treynor High School Principal Tom Vint to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20. Arrive earlier for coffee, rolls, and fellowship (and catch up on local news). Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting 21 members and one guest were present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL STEPHENS and he promptly collected. GENE cashed in on the 50/50 drawing.

JOHN KLEIN reminded everyone the After-the-Prom Committee is working at can and bottle collection during January through March. The next can sorting is not scheduled, yet. The Treynor Girl Scouts will be at the next Club meeting to ask about using the Can Kennel in April. LES suggested we should promote routine deposits in the Can Kennel by everyone in the community regardless of the benefiting group. JOHN handed the vinyl lettering for the Can Kennel sign over to LARRY KRAMER for placement on the sign backing.

JOHN also announced the Swim Day for Treynor youth and adults is planned Sunday January 30 at Lewis Central Pool. The Botna Valley Optimist Club is also promoting the Swim Day in the Carson and Macedonia communities.

LES HARVEY led an applause of appreciation to GEORGE SCHNIEDER and BOB HIBBARD for setting up for Club meetings each week.

VIRGIL HOLST reported that he had seen a more visible Optimist road sign recently in another community and suggested the signs for our Club at the edge of town could be improved.

BOB announced that Mrs. Joan Martin and Treynor Hardware and Lumber had given the Club eight light strings for use on the Community Christmas Tree. The retail value was nearly \$250.

JOHN presented the plans he had prepared for tree planting on the Elementary School grounds. The plan has been accepted by the School Board, but the challenge remains to find funds for the planting and maintenance of new trees. JOHN is pursuing a grant request through the Iowa Governor's

tree planting program. There is a potential matching funds grant of between \$500 and \$5000. MIKE SCHMID suggested corporate and individual sponsorships with identification labels placed on the trees indicating the tree name and donor. GENE gave his 50/50 winnings to JOHN to start the tree fund.

GENE announced a Board Meeting after the next Club meeting.

SUMMER SPORTS FOR TREYNOR YOUTH

Steve Chambers has been the chairman of the Treynor Summer Youth Sports organization for the past nine years. Steve explained how the organization has grown the past twenty years to over 200 boys and girls participating in the baseball and softball summer programs. Last year there were twelve teams of boys and girls from kindergarten to 9th grade. Volunteers who are usually parents coach the teams. Steve noted that our Optimist Club has previously sponsored County tournaments and this year we have another opportunity if we choose. Chief funding for the program is through concessions and registration fees, Steve explained. They use school and city play fields and help with the maintenance of those grounds. Steve said there is a need to paint the new dugouts on the baseball field. Steve indicated he is looking for new leadership to share in the administration of the summer sports program.

CALENDAR

Jan-March: After-the-Prom Committee Can Collection

- Jan. 15 Club meeting, program by Tom Vint.
- Jan. 15 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 22 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 25 Zone 4 meeting, Underwood 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 30 Treynor/Carson/Macedonia Swim Day, Lewis Central Pool.
- Feb. 5 Iowa District meeting, Marshalltown, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS 1/19 CHRISTINE McCLELLAN
ANNIVERSARIES 1/1 BOB HIBBARD

P.S A group of farmers were suffering through a severe drought. Finally, they went to their new minister and asked him to hold a special service at the church so they could all pray for rain.

Well, the service was held and they had no more than said, "Amen" when it started raining cats and dogs. It kept on raining harder and harder until it washed out the crops and all the farmers were ruined.

One old-timer said, "Well, that's what comes about for trusting such a request to a minister who doesn't know anything about agriculture."