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Report of Recent Club Meeting

Thirty three Optimist members and guests were present at the Aug. 8, Treynor Optimist meeting. Arlyn Norris won the 50/50 drawing and Steve Chambers won the attendance drawing but did not collect.

Kayla Greiner and Susan Johnson were present to pick up the Treynor yearbook check for over \$1,000 from the can kennel receipts. Chad Gutttau's birthday was recognized.

Jerry Mathiasen and Tom Miller from the Iowa West Foundation presented the program. They discussed a Pottawattamie County needs assessment which indicated the two top needs were to improve educational achievement and neighborhood transformation. In response the IWF has been supporting a preschool program for 4 year olds with some 8 million dollars. The dropout rate in the Council Bluffs school district was the highest in the state and financial support has been given for school building administrative managers in 7 buildings this past year so principals could spent more time with student contact and curriculum improvement work. A college access program has also been started with the selection of 8th graders from families where a college education has not been the norm to work with mentors made available to help encourage future college participation by youngsters from these families.

A "STARS" program has been initiated to encourage adults to complete at least a 2 year college program since it helps improve employee availability and the likelihood that these young adults would stay in the community. Because of a lack of involvement, \$725,000 over a 5 year program has been started to help formation of neighborhood associations which, in turn, have made a number of local neighborhoods come closer together through community activities. IWF contributes to the Pottawattamie County Promise Partners program as well as the county's community foundation. Several cities in the county have received funds for water system improvements, main street improvements and public art. Mathiasen reported that David Harris has recently been hired to help with grants.

After the Optimist meeting a dozen people were interested in pursuing improvements in the Treynor community in regard to youth recreational facilities. A report on past activities of an initial group working for such a cause was given by Jay Myers and others present. The Optimist Club is offering its support for more efforts in this endeavor and is encouraging additional people in the community to become involved. About 14 Treynor teams, consisting of over 220 youth, are currently paying \$50 per hour for use of various fields in Council Bluffs.

There were 33 in attendance at the Treynor Optimist meeting Saturday, August 15, at the TRA. Many of those attending were interested in the youth recreational facilities discussion.

Kari Ticer, Treynor high school junior, told about her leadership training camp at Indianapolis, Indiana, this past summer where she, along with 11 others from Iowa, joined some 300 young people from around the country at a conference sponsored by the National Federation of High School Activities. Club president Dick Baber recognized Richard Vorthmann for his 78 years of volunteerism with the 4-H clubs. It was announced that he will become a member of the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame at a special ceremony to be held at the Iowa State Fair on August 23. Tammy Ticer won the 50/50 drawing and Gary Funkhouser won the attendance drawing.

The Punt, Pass and Kick contest will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1 with Eric Allen as chairperson. Optimist members were reminded help will be needed at the first home football game which is September 4. Judy Gutttau is in charge of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Treynor Optimist Club which will be held September 27, at the Treynor community building.

Jeff Carley gave a summary of the Treynor Little League activities and there was much discussion regarding the need for additional facilities especially for young people in the Treynor community. It was decided that a **special meeting will be held on Saturday morning, August 29, at 9 a.m. at the TRA** for representatives from various Treynor area organizations which are interested in continuing work for improvements in youth facilities. All clubs are encouraged to send some members to help plan future activities. It was felt there is a definite need for additional recreational facilities in the community. Assistance from a number of townspeople will be needed to make improvements.

CALENDAR

August proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Music Boosters.

August 26, Wed, 6:00 p.m.. – Can Kennel sorting

Birthdays

8/11 Chad Gutttau (recognized), 8/23 Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

8/9 Tim Greiner, 8/13 Jerry Hempel, 8/25 Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

August 8 - Iowa West Foundation

Programs

August - Tim Greiner & Mick Gutttau
 Sep – Les Harvey
 Oct – Gary Funkhouser
 Nov – Steve Irvin
 Dec – Jim Clausen

PS: Golfers use an estimated \$800 million worth of golf balls annually.