



Club Officers for 2009-2010

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2008-2010	2009-2011
Judy Guttau	Linea White
Gary Funkhouser	Bob Hibbard
Eric Allen	Chuck Nielsen

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Report of Recent Club Speakers

On December 5 the Treynor Optimist Club held a general discussion on the economy, since there were no speakers. One topic of discussion was State cuts to education. The Treynor school has taken a variety of actions to cut expenses for the remainder of the school year. Those changes were described in detail in the Treynor School newsletter.

Steve Owens was the speaker on December 12. He has been the football coach at Treynor for 16 years. This season the team was 9-2. However, he stressed that he does not want the football players to be measured by the final score of a game or by the season. That is not who they are, although society tries to measure us that way. This season the wins over Underwood and Tri-Center helped the players believe in themselves. The Seniors this year did not win any games in 7th and 8th grades.

This year's football team stood out by how well they got along with each other. Unlike many past years, the seniors did not separate themselves at team meals but the grades intermingled themselves.

About six years ago, Owens developed a leadership class for the Juniors, meeting in the Spring. The focus was on being a leader by being a servant and serving their fellow teammates. As Juniors they can use their influence to support the Seniors. Attendance is voluntary and they meet at 7:00 a.m. one day a week. Three quarters of the current Seniors attended last Spring. Next year he may open the class to all the players instead of just Juniors.

The team threw the ball a lot this year, making use of the talent on the team. They gained over 1000 yards passing and 2000 yards rushing. They went back to the no huddle offence because it makes Treynor unique.

In football the coaches try to develop a positive attitude. Steve Owens read a quote saying that leadership is "the capacity to influence others by enhancing their capacity to do good."

This year was the first time the football team had a service project. They raked leaves for people in the community. He hopes to expand the project next year.

Steve concluded paraphrasing Proverbs by saying that "Those who speak kindly are able to teach. We need more kindness."

Meeting Minutes

On December 5 there were 18 members at the Optimist Club meeting on December 5. Vice-President Dennis White opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Dick Baber and Keith Denton provided jokes. Gerald Forristall contributed to the Youth Fund for his birthday. Gary Funkhouser won the 50-50 drawing and Larry Kramer won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

On December 12 Gary Guttau opened the meeting. Keith Denton, Gary Guttau, and Judy Guttau provided jokes. Dennis White gave the prayer. Kevin Underwood contributed to the Youth Fund for his birthday on December 16. There were 17 members and 6 guests in attendance. Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 and Jeff Nelson won the attendance drawing, but did

not collect. The Music Boosters picked up check for \$758.35 from the Can Kennel in August.

The Vision Treynor Group presented a plan for building baseball, softball, and soccer fields for Treynor Youth groups. They are building an organizational structure and looking for committee members from other service clubs in Treynor. They have raised over \$9700 so far, but are looking at a variety of fundraisers. There is a strong need for a recreational complex in Treynor, with 207 youth enrolled in Little League alone.

Scott Reelfs and Jeff Carley presented a drawing of a proposed recreational complex with a softball field, two baseball fields, batting cages, a soccer field, restrooms, concessions, and parking. Information about future meetings and proposals will be posted on the treynoroptimist.org web site in the near future.

The Optimist Club board met after the meeting. They approved the SPY Red Lake Reservation Mission Youth group for Can Kennel for May 2010, the Treynor Mini 4H Club for June, the Baseball team for July, and the Optimist Club was moved from May to September.

The board also approved \$100 each for Amanda Greiner and Tirzah Bean for participating in an Iowa Ambassadors trip to Europe. The Optimist Club will also pay the \$150 fee for the Cub Scout website.

CALENDAR

December and January proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Prom Committee.

- Dec 16 – Can sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 22 - Can sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 13 - Can sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 27 - Can sorting, 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Dec 2 – Gerald Forristall (recognized)
- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood (recognized)
- Dec 31 – Jeff Nelson

Anniversaries

- Dec 21 – Wes & Penny Nelson
- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Guttau
- Dec 31 – Bob & Jean Hibbard

Speakers

- Dec 19 – Janet Fiene
- Dec 26 - No Meeting
- Jan 2 – No Meeting

Programs

- Dec – Jim Clausen
- Jan – First 2 Weeks – Richard Vorthmann,
Last 3 Weeks – Judy Guttau
- Feb – Gary Funkhouser
- Mar – Dick Baber
- Apr – Chad Guttau
- May – Dale Willenborg
- June – Linnea White
- July – Jeff Jorgensen
- Aug –
- Sept – Eric Allen
- Oct – Steve Irvin
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton