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Iowa House of Representatives



Mary Ann Hanusa spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 11. She was elected to the Iowa House in 2010 and has served since 2011. She has a BS in education and an American History degree. She is on the Board of Directors for the Union Pacific museum and is co-owner of Hanusa Hardware.

The Legislative session starts on January 13. Mary Ann represents

district 16. In Iowa, every other year the congressional session lasts 110 days. This year it is 100 days.

When she was elected, the state of Iowa had a \$1 billion deficit. Now it has almost a \$1 billion surplus to help build up the reserves. The legislative priorities are:

1. Don't spend more than you take in
2. Don't underfund budget items
3. Don't use one-time funds for normal expenses

The legislature has refilled all special funds (rainy day funds). Major legislation passed last year included:

1. Property tax reform - they have talked about this for 40 years
2. Health care reform – called Iowa Health
3. Education reform

This will be a cautious year because of future commitments and adjusting the major legislation from last year as needed.

The Iowa legislature has a Republican controlled house of 100 members and a Democratic controlled Senate of 50 members. They don't have gridlock like the Federal Government; everyone works together.

Iowa Health is for people outside of Medicaid in Iowa. It adds preventive tests to reduce co-pays. It also adds personal responsibility.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on January 11 and Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton, Gary Funkhouser, and Bill Vorthmann contributed jokes.

Bill Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of Iowa State winning against Baylor. Chuck Nielson also contributed. Mick Gutttau contributed to recognize an art show he went to. There is one every

Calendar

- Jan 24 – Spaghetti supper fundraiser, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Jan 29 – Can kennel sorting for After-Prom Committee. Time 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

Jan 19 – Dennis White

Programs

- Jan. 18 – Col. (Ret.) Mike Fischer, DVM
- Jan. 25 – Bob Mantell, financial literacy.

Prayers

Jan 18 – Gary Funkhouser



2nd Friday in Omaha. He also contributed because there was an article about him in Visions Magazine.

Marissa Olson collected her scholarship check. She is attending UNO, majoring in early childhood education. She attended IWCC last semester.

The Boy Scouts collected their can kennel check for about \$687. Dillon Engel has 22 merit badges and his Eagle project is working on a sand volleyball court for his Eagle project.

Cole Weitzl has 31 merit badges and he worked on a park near Caseys for his Eagle.

The Cub Scouts collected a check for \$661.90. Their activities for the year included camp, the pinewood derby, launching rockets, and Christmas caroling. There are 42 Cub Scouts enrolled in the Pack.

There was a can kennel sorting until January 8. They had 1450 bottles. Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton, and Ken Graham helped. Five boys from the After-Prom committee helped the entire time and others helped for a short time.

A dog leash sold at the auction for \$5.

The spaghetti supper fundraiser will be January 24th, before the Underwood basketball games. The Underwood Optimist Club will help with advertisement in Underwood. Members will be asked to bring bars and pies.

Ken Graham won the 50/50 drawing. Jon Jacobsen won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 16 members and 11 guests at the meeting.

- Jan 25 – Kirk Vorthmann
- Feb 1 – Dale Willenborg
- Feb 8 – Arlyn Norris
- Feb 15 – Chuck Nielsen
- Feb 22 – Ken Graham
- Mar 1 – Dee Gutttau
- Mar 8 –
- Mar 15 –
- Mar 22 – Dennis White
- Mar 29 – Judy Gutttau