



Open Door Mission



The Treynor Optimist Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. to listen to informative and motivational speakers. Candice Gregory, CEO of the Open Door Mission, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on June 21. She started at the Open Door Mission in 1994. She has four children, grew up in Canada, and has a lot of pets.

The Open Door Mission tries to inspire hope for lasting change in breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Candice said that the largest population of homeless is women and children, at 60% of the homeless. The average age is 9. They will serve about 300 children this summer at camp. They also continue a tutoring program throughout the summer.

The Mission has three full classes offered by Dave Ramsey, focusing on not spending money you don't have. They have 121 people at the Lydia House trying to get their GED. 50% of the women at the Lydia House are recovering from domestic abuse.

The Open Door Mission is faith based. Candice said that she is seeing more and more moral decay, resulting in homelessness.

The fastest growing group of homeless is veterans. 36% of the homeless are veterans. There are 120,000 homeless veterans in the country.

The Open Door Mission offers 18 different life component tracks. They require setting short term and long term goals. Candice said "It's all about relationships."

The Open Door Mission sleeps 816 men, women, and children every night. They serve 2059 hot, nutritious meals daily. Studies show that 23% of children in Iowa don't know where the next meal is coming from.

91% of the graduates of the Open Door Mission are clean and sober one year after graduation. The average person stays there 26 weeks. The Mission follows people for 36 months after completion. 26% of the graduates are going to college. Every year 500 children get new clothes for school.

Calendar

- June 27-29 – Treynor Days
- June 28 – no Club meeting because of Treynor Days
- July 16 – can kennel sorting for Optimist Club
- July 30 – can kennel sorting for Optimist Club

Birthdays

- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized)
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries

Candice said that the Open Door Mission is trying to buy an outreach center on Broadway in Council Bluffs. She encourages people to friend them on Facebook. Their web site is <http://www.opendoormission.org/>.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on June 21. Dee Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Keith Denton provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Kirk Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his son Keith. John Klein contributed because he is now owner of a hour in Treynor at 30 N. Eyberg. Bill Vorthmann also contributed.

Arlyn Norris celebrated his anniversary. He met his wife in High School in Sibley, Iowa and has been married 42 years.

Rich Mortinson, the Zone Lt. Governor, visited the club. He said that the club officer reports are due. Zone 2 is down by two people in membership for the year. He discussed the advantages of signing up people as Friends of Optimist. The cost is \$100 per year and that is tax deductible. The club gets \$40 of that.

July 19 was set as a tentative day for the Zone meeting in Treynor.

Danielle, Devin, and Dana Stane came to receive scholarship checks. Dana is going to Northwestern to major in Zoology. Danielle is going to Southwestern. Devin is going to Buena Vista to major in Physical Therapy.



When asked about the best things about going to Treynor schools, Devin said that she liked the feeling of community. Dana liked the close class feelings. Danielle liked being involved in everything. They said the worst thing was that news travels really fast.

Bill Vorthmann won the 50/50. Jon Jacobsen won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. He is on KMA every Saturday from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris (recognized)
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Gutttau (recognized)

Speakers

- June 28 – No meeting – Treynor Days
- July 5 –
- July 12 – Brad Silvey – Girl's Soccer Coach at IWCC