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SW Iowa Leadership Academy Program

Deb Masker spoke on August 25 about the SW Iowa Leadership Academy. Two 2018 academy attendees, Joslyn Guttau and Kasey Lang, were present and interviewed by Masker. The program will celebrate 30 years in 2019. Masker, a former teacher at Treynor who now teaches at Kern Jr. High, has directed the Academy for 15 years.



L-R: Kasey Lang, Joslyn Guttau and Deb Masker.

Seven schools in western Pottawattamie Co participate with a total of 100 students attending this year. Students entering the 8th grade are eligible to apply. Each school plans how students will pay to attend. Additional funds of \$27,000 are raised by the Academy, which has increasingly become a challenge, Masker explained. Sustainable gifts would be a great help. The alumni count is 2750, but it is difficult to maintain current contact info for asking for their support. A fundraiser golf tournament is being held Sept. 22 at Fox Run, starting at 9 AM. Contact Masker at 402-689-8266.

The Academy occurs in June on a Tuesday through Friday and students are lodged and use the facilities at Iowa School for the Deaf. Students are divided into base groups to participate in outstanding activities, which change annually. STEM speakers from Google, CB Technology, Truck Services, etc. challenged students with activities such as creating electrical

circuit boards, pondering the issues with self-powered cars in the future. One activity involved base groups competing to build a boat which would hold the most pennies.

They also learned about identifying their style of leadership and were able to analyze their family's style. There were team building activities and problem solving cases to practice leadership, such as figuring out how to fill a trash can with many holes with water. Social activities included swimming, gym time, roller skating, and a dance.

Many business speakers volunteer their time to lead sessions, plus they are challenged by guest speakers to learn about goal setting. The four days end with a program for the parents.

Joslyn Guttau and Kasey Lang indicated that not being able to have a cell phone that week and being placed in groups apart from their friends had been a concern, but wasn't a problem at all. Joslyn expressed that she really liked learning about her leadership style and would tell other kids considering applying to try this experience; it's fun and she learned a lot. Kasey said she was scared, but her fears were not a big deal. She met new people and it was uplifting. She enjoyed the community service learning project at the Zoo.

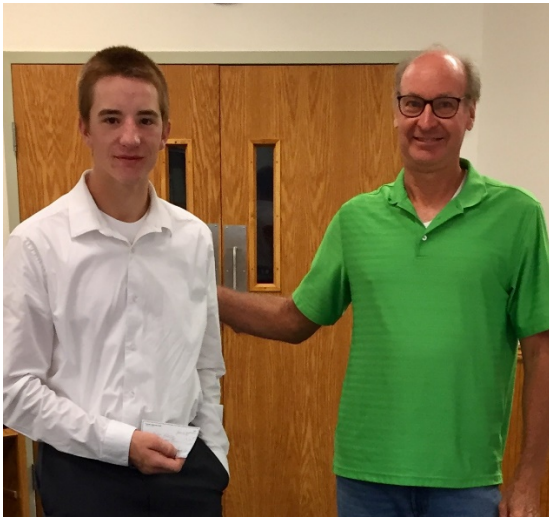
Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present plus nine guests, Deb Masker, Julie and Kasey Lang, Shelly and Joslyn Guttau, Scott and Nolan Hansen, Julia Funkhouser and one soon-to-be member, Jordan Campbell. Chad Guttau and John Klein shared jokes/stories followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Dee Guttau.

Gary and Julia Funkhouser observed their anniversary today and brought homemade cinnamon rolls for breakfast. Kasey Lang won the 50/50 Award and Steve Irwin won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present.

Bragging Rights included a contribution by Judy Gutttau to celebrate a great win for Treynor HS football last night. Kevin Underwood contributed to announce that his nephew Carter White is team captain for St. Albert. Mick Gutttau contributed to talk about visiting Stratcom, along with great niece, Tori Copley, who is visiting the family. He stated he was proud of the people working there. Space Wars was discussed.

Nolan Hansen was present to receive his Optimist Club Scholarship and spoke briefly about his future of serving a mission for two years. He will be located in Utah.



L-R: Nolan Hansen, Dale Willenborg

Under old business, the following were announced as helping with the Can Kennel – John and Carol Klein, Chad and Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Jordan Campbell and some of his kids along with nine girl scouts.

Dennis White announced that dictionaries for 80 third graders in Treynor will be distributed.

Under new business, next Saturday following the meeting, flags will be placed for Labor Day. Gary Funkhouser will contact JOI Club members to help.

The Homecoming theme remains to be determined.

Under new business, Jordan mentioned that Cardinal Core will sponsor Punt, Pass, Kick either during Homecoming weekend or the following weekend. Optimist members are invited to assist.

The meeting was adjourned after the presentation with the stating of the Optimist Creed.

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Have you ever wondered:

- Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- Why does “fat chance” and “slim chance” mean the same thing?
- Why do “tug” boats push their barges?
- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?

Remember: All guests are welcome! Come be informed and enjoy the fellowship. The coffee is on and donuts are available.

Calendar

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| Sept 5 | Can Kennel Sorting – Girl Scouts |
| Sept 11 | School Bond Vote and Board Election |
| Sept 15 | Homecoming |

Birthdays

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| Sept 1 | Josh Gutttau |
| Sept 22 | Dee Gutttau |

Anniversaries

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| Sept 26 | Bill & Ann Vorthmann |
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Programs

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| September | Linda Danker |
| October | Bill Vorthmann |
| November | Keith Denton |

Speakers

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| Sept. 1 | Topic: Treynor School Bond Issue |
| Sept. 8 | Congressman David Young |
| Sept 15 | Connection (matter of balance) |
| Sept 22 | Flex Therapy |
| Sept. 29 | Angel’s Health Care |

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