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## Wayne Casson Speaks

Wayne Casson, Commander of the Lamar Hartje American Legion Post #725 of Treynor, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, October 13. The Legion meets once a month in the smaller room, known as the Lamar Hartje American Legion Post #725 Room at the Treynor Community Building.



**LR: New President Dale Willenborg and Speaker Wayne Casson.**

One of the goals of the Legion is to promote the military and veterans. They do that with their flag project. To continue that goal they will help the Treynor Optimists with money for flags or what the Optimists need to continue the project. The Legion is no longer putting up flags because of the risk involved.

During the Optimist Club meeting the group voted to sell flags by the cemetery and high school for \$35 each. Any person, family or business can buy a flag to support the community. A donors' list for these flags will be published. The local Legion Post will check to see if they are able to buy flags for a lower price than the current price the Optimists pay.

Casson spoke about the Post's desire to have a static display on the Treynor Community Building property. They were close to getting a helicopter to display but were misinformed about it being

just a shell without many parts. They will continue to work on this effort of buying a piece of military equipment to display.

The Legion gives scholarships each year, which are funded by the Fish Fry meals served from 5:30 – 7 PM at the Treynor Community Building. Dates for 2019 are Jan 14, 28, Feb. 11, 25, and March 11, 25. The net proceeds determines the number of scholarships given.

The Legion sponsors "Let's Play Bingo" starting at 6:30 PM to be held Nov. 10, 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

## Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Thirteen members were present plus two guests, Wayne Casson and Jim Maher. Chad Guttau shared a joke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer. Bill Vorthmann won the 50/50 award and Diane Willenborg won the attendance drawing but was not present. Judy Guttau won the Football Contest.

For bragging rights, Gary Guttau contributed because he now is an official docent (graduated) at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Chad Guttau donated because he saw Trump at the Trump Rally. Bill and Ann Vorthmann also contributed for attending the Trump Rally and standing in the rain for hours. Kirk Vorthmann contributed to announce there is a Republican Rally on 16<sup>th</sup> & Broadway every Saturday.

Marsha Underwood's Birthday was observed and Dale and Diane Willenborg's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated.

The following people assisted with taking flags down this past week: Jordan Campbell, Dennis White, Kay White, Gary Guttau, Dee Guttau, Chad Guttau, Jim Clausen, Keith Denton, Ken Graham, and John Klein.

Shop with the Sheriff project was discussed.

Dues are now due: \$75. Life time membership dues are \$467.

A motion was made by Kirk Vorthmann, seconded by Keith Denton to sell flags for along Hwy 92 by the school and cemetery to individuals, families, businesses for \$35. A donors' list will be published for those flags. All voted aye.

The Jr. Treynor Women have asked the Optimists to help sponsor a program about sex trafficking.

A fall decorative basket was donated by Dee Gutttau and sold for \$10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

### **Board Meeting**

Bill Vorthmann, Dale Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, and Keith Denton attended the Optimist Club Board meeting.

The main order of business was to assign organizations for the can kennel. Eleven applications have been received. The web site, [www.treynoroptimist.org](http://www.treynoroptimist.org) has been updated to reflect the 2019 assignments. Two months are still open.

The board discussed having someone in charge of the can kennel each month. They also decided that only two Optimist members are

needed at each sorting. Sometimes there have been more Optimist members than the receiving organization provides.

Gary Gutttau stated flag receipts totaled \$5810. The plan is to give 11 \$500 scholarships in 2019. The remainder is needed for new flags, footings, and publicity. Six scholarships have not been picked up yet for 2018.

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### **Something to think about:**

**Kiss to Lose Weight: You have to kiss 389 times to lose a pound. A kiss of average intensity uses up 9 calories.**

**If you love life, life will love you back.**

#### **Calendar**

Oct 17 Can kennel sorting for Boy Scouts

#### **Birthdays**

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

#### **Anniversaries**

Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White

#### **Programs**

October Bill Vorthmann

November Keith Denton

December Kirk Vorthmann

#### **Speakers**

Oct. 20 Valkyrie Arms - Cory Damgaard

Oct. 27 St. Paul Preschool – Linda Eitmann

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