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Kori Nelson, Midlands Humane Society

Kori Nelson, Director of Development and Marketing for the Midlands Humane Society (MHS) spoke to the Treynor Club on Saturday, February 3. The Midlands Humane Society mission is "To protect and nurture companion animals and enrich the lives of people who love them."



The old animal shelter is vacant but served its purpose for 44 years. In 2006 a group formed with a new benefits vision of a higher level of care for animals and the people who love them. In 2015 the new three times larger shelter was built. It serves as a safe haven for lost, neglected and homeless animals. In 2017 alone MHS have adopted out or re-united over 3000 animals. 150 animals can be accommodated easily at one time. At the peak of summer, there were 350 under their care, counting animals at Pet Smart, the vets, and in foster care.

They have hundreds of volunteers and 18 on staff. Some duties are walking and training dogs, doing lots of laundry and cleaning and sanitizing cages two times a day. Before adoption, all animals are fixed, vaccinated, and micro-chipped.

Animals adopted are matched to the personality and situation. For example, a quieter dog is recommended for an apartment dweller.

Midlands Humane Society also encourages foster care in volunteer families to provide a home environment for litters, pets who are rehabilitating or those who are struggling to adapt to being in the shelter. Frequently these families end up adopting.

They have had wildlife brought in, such as an injured possum, abandoned baby animals, baby deer, geese, turtles, birds, bearded dragon, and many then go to a rescue sanctuary.

The cost range to adopt a dog can be \$175-300 and for a cat \$37-125. A food pantry is available to people in need.

The budget is \$800,000 with more than half coming in as grants and donations. The rest is paid by city/Pott Co. money per capita.

A popular fundraising event is "The Derby" – May 11, 2018. MHS hosts three additional events in June, August, and October. Sponsorships are available for each. Wag-A-Grams is a new Valentine's Day fund raiser. For \$40 a "Canine Cupid" dog will deliver personally a Valentine's Day greeting card, frosted sugar cookie and a long-stemmed rose to an individual at home, business or school in the metro area.

Hours for the public to visit are 12-6 PM M-F and 11 AM – 5 PM on Sat. Check Facebook or www.midlandshumanesociety.org or call 712.396.2270 for more information.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, President, conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on February 3, 2018. There were 13 members present and guest, Kori Nelson. The meeting began with humor by Judy Gutttau and Keith Denton, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dee Gutttau offered the prayer.

Keith Denton, won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Vorthmann won the attendance prize.

Lou Howell donated to the Youth Fund for Madelyn Deitchler surpassing the Treynor girls' basketball scoring record of 1273 points, previously held by Katie Maguire. Gary Gutttau contributed because her father, John, said he could still beat Madelyn one on one. Jim Clausen contributed because his granddaughter is the ball girl for the Creighton Women's Basketball team and was able to travel to DePaul with them.

Optimists were reminded that Sat., March 10 is the Zone 1,2,3,4 District Meeting at the CB Library from 9:15 AM – 4 PM. Registration is free, but please register online by Feb. 6 to reserve yourself and to request a box lunch. There will be a free-will donation for the lunch. www.iowaoptimist.org. Click on Events to register. Keith indicated he would attend.

Gary Gutttau asked that members check with him to make sure their contact info is correct in the directory of members.

Under new business, we were reminded the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign – “Dime a Day” – is currently underway and individual participation is endorsed.

Gary Gutttau announced that the Optimist registration information of members and leadership is up to date. Judy Gutttau announced that the Treynor Optimist Facebook has 243 Friends.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Optimist pledge.

Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on

and donuts are served. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs!

FUNNY CHILDREN

Teacher: How old is your father?
Bobby: He is 6 years
Teacher: What? How is this possible?
Bobby: He became a father when I was born.

Teacher: Marie, go to the map and find North America.
Marie: Here it is.
Teacher: Correct. Now Class, who discovered America?
Class: Marie.

Calendar

Feb. 7 5:00 PM Can Kennel Sorting - Cheerleaders
Feb. 10 9:30 AM District Optimist Meeting
CB Library, Register by Feb. 6

Birthdays

Feb 13 Gary Funkhouser
Mar 2 Ward Chambers

Anniversaries

Mar 4 Gene & Erika Seran

Programs

February Chad Gutttau
March Dale Willenborg
April Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

Feb. 10 Teri Keller, Fitness Coordinator - YMCA
Feb. 17 Mary Mosiman, State Auditor
Feb. 24 Amy Graber, Cancer Society

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