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Steve Owens, Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Steve Owens is the Rural Omaha Area Representative for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which he took on almost two years ago. This also includes SWI.

Steve spoke about his 21 years in Treynor as a teacher and coach, where he also led the local FCA. Steve states that when he bumps into a player from time to time, not one says anything about a game or score, but they miss having supper with Steve and wife, Bobbi on Sunday nights! It is a big deal to go through the coaches to change the world.

The **vision** for FCA is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. The **mission** is to present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

Treynor restarted FCA this past year. Underwood restarted in February. Other actions: Glenwood, Mo Valley- first FCAs. Lewis Central - middle school huddle. Logan Magnolia-new huddle. Abraham Lincoln- coaches' study and huddle. Riverside, AvoHa, East Mills- contacts. There is also interest at Iowa School for the Deaf.

Exciting things are happening with Rich Richie, pastor at Refuge, also now an FCA Ambassador, and the impact being made at Iowa Western Community College.

Owens stated Dwayne Riche, retired Lt. Pott Co. Sheriff's Office, is working with Essex, TJ, and the two middle schools in CB to start.

Ryan Sears, Creighton Hall of Famer, is the Omaha Metro Director for FCA. He states, "One coach will influence more people in a year than most do in a lifetime."

A new objective is to reach out to coaches who do club sports and a person has been hired. Having chapel services on Sunday for club sports

members is also in the conception stage.

Another desire is to be able to fund sending kids to FCA camps with scholarships. The Pella Camp costs \$500.

FCA also sponsors a Coaches Time-Out Weekend. Last year 60 coaches and wives attended. Steve spoke about the time challenges of being a coach. The goal is to get the gospel to coaches who reach their staff and athletes. FCA utilizes black bracelets with symbols and words to share the Gospel.

Owens shared the joy of observing the University of Oklahoma Women's Softball team just having a 3-peat win in the College World Series. Three-fourths of the players boast "In Christ alone....Our joy is in Christ so they don't have to worry about the results."

Coach Owens stated, "As a coach he wishes he could go back and change the tone of voice for example. There was lots of stress – winning or losing. Coaches live in a world of great scrutiny. But in the last 15 -16 years, the words he used began to change. He feels he can't change the past, but he can pour into coaches what he has learned.

A great joy for Steve has been leading a young coach from Murray Conestoga to engage, equip, empower through Bible study. His wife and kids saw a huge difference in him, and he then took his family through the study in a year.

Local needs were suggested: Develop a coaches' support team. Get local people to support the coaches in various ways – take them a coffee, send a note, give a care package, send coaches to a Coaches Time-Out weekend. Help can be given to Jeff Casey and Heather Yocum with the local FCA. This is an avenue to think about.

Owens stated he would like to see an area director over CB and Western Iowa in the future and to have Treynor be a FCA hub eventually. FCA is a 501 ©3. If you would like to donate or be involved, please contact Steve Owens at: 712-310-8243 cell, sowens@fca.org

Next week's Speaker:

Brandon Garrett, Chief of Staff for CB Mayor Matt Walsh

Famous Quote

“You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Eighteen members were present. Our guests were speaker Steve Owens and Lynelle Vorthmann.

Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Gary Funkhouser and Steve Chambers shared jokes.

50/50: Bill Vorthmann won.

Attendance: Josh Guttau's name was drawn, but it went unclaimed.

Birthdays: Steve Owens stated Bobbi Owens turned 65 this week. He also stated that many of us would then be able to determine his age!

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Steve Chambers shared the Neola Gazette from 1994 – Girls won state basketball. We all enjoyed seeing a young Coach Gail Hartigan's picture.
- Kirk Vorthmann contributed because both local churches had a great Bible School week.
- Dale Willenborg stated there were 40 people from St. Paul to help sort cans last Wed.
- Jerry Hempel donated because his son-in-law, stated there were two ladies at the track and field national meet who won shot put and javelin and all six throws were national championship throws.
- Judy Guttau bragged on Jeff Schoening, former Treynor band director, receiving the CHI Heritage Award for the Arts last Thurs.

Community:

1. The Council Bluffs Optimist Club is hosting a fundraiser on Sun., July 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. “Classics on the Water” 6865 Gifford Road, CB. It will be a non-judged Show n' Shine of classic cars and the Pancake Man will begin serving at 10 AM. Free will donations will go to support the CB Optimist Club.
2. Treynor Days is June 23-25. The Thursday before (June 22) from 4-6 PM and the Tuesday after (June 27) from 2-4 PM will be Kite Flying Days at “The T”. Elementary students were presented with free kites from the Treynor Optimists. Their art teacher had them decorate the kites and then sent home directions to assemble. Kids/parents, bring your kites and fly! All people who want to fly kites are invited!!
3. There is a Blood Drive in Treynor Thursday.

Business:

1. Can Kennel sorting report: There were 44 bags of cans, 18.5 bags of plastic, and lots and lots of bottles – a big collection.



2. Optimists Bill Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton helped sort. A large group from SPY also helped sort!



3. John Klein reported that Home Depot is providing the big bags and Dale reported they worked really well.
4. John Klein stated there is a need for larger exam gloves which are used when sorting cans. The Red Cross has provided in the past. He said we've never had to pay for gloves so please check with your doctor/dentist if they would consider donating XL gloves – even a partial box.
5. Flags will be put up today, June 10. They will be left up until July 8 to cover all holidays and Treynor Days. Studio 7 dance team will help put the flags up.
6. The Optimists have been asked to lead Bingo again during Treynor Days. Jordan will lead the kid area.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

HUMOR



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Calendar

Events

- June 22 Kids/Parents/Anyone Fly Kites 6-8 PM at The T
- June 23-25 Treynor Days
- June 27 Kids/Parents/Anyone Fly Kites 2-4 PM at The T
- July 8 Take down flags.

Birthdays

- June 16 Dale Willenborg
- June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

- June 15 Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- June 28 Mick & Judy Gutttau
- June 29 Dave & Linda Danker

Programs:

- June Jeff Jorgensen (last 2)
- July Chad Gutttau

Speakers

- June 17 Brandon Garrett, Chief of Staff for CB
Mayor Matt Walsh
- June 24 Brian Shae, Chm. Pott Co. Board of Supervisors