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Tom Trede, Director of Transportation



Tom Trede presented interesting information about the bus program at Treynor Community School.

The old bus barn (metal) was 60' x 60' and had two usable doors. The new bus barn area is south of the elementary school. The west building (80x100') has four bays, including a wash bay. Amenities include a driver lounge complete with a sink, a microwave, frig, tables and chairs. To the east is a cold storage building (64'x120') and has four doors and houses eight buses. Tom stated that no longer is there rain or frost on the buses during the school season while being stored, and it's fantastic to not have to arrive early to chip off windshields! The new bus area allows for loading and unloading elementary students in a safer environment.

Trede stated there are 7 bus routes (7 buses), 3 activity buses, and 5 spares, plus 2 that are out of service and will be taken away. There are 7 drivers and six subs and five car van drivers (not licensed for buses).

One of the most active days ever occurred last May 8 when there were 7 away activities involving 200 students amounting to 716 miles driven. Also with seven afternoon routes for 185 miles that day, 14 trips were accomplished with 11 drivers.

Chad Polly is the Bus Mechanic. Route drivers include: Trede, John Kinyon, Derek Steeve, Diane Rath, Tom Winchell, Ron Zimmerman, Dave Danker, and Phil Waggoner. Substitutes are: Chad Polly, Jeep Miller, Annette Koehler, and Derrick Floeschinger.

Jason Schupp, new Athletic/Activities Director, will soon take over the spot as Director of Transportation.

Some recalled the days when high school seniors could drive buses. (Even Bob Soloth at 16 drove.) Long time drivers Audrey Stewart who convinced Joanie Saar to drive were remembered.

Finding a substitute driver is the biggest thing with maybe a 3 hr. notice. Trede said it is fortunate most are close and it works out well. To become a driver, it takes about 40 hours of personal study and 20 hours to drive and practice. Drivers are paid for 17 of the hours of required classes, but the rest is their own cost. In the process, two interviews are required at first with another later on, a background check, endorsement/license tests, practice driving with a school bus permit with an experienced driver, a DOT physical, a bus driving class at a community college, a 14 hr. class with quizzes authorized by the Iowa Dept. of School Board and a drug and alcohol test. Drivers then are required annually to get an endorsement.

Full time drivers are paid \$54/route (\$108 a day). Subs are paid \$45/route.

All buses have automatic transmissions except one. The capacity of the largest bus is 88. One bus has seat belts. Students are asked to wear, but not required to wear. All buses have radios which works well and cover about 60 miles. Only one bus has a camera which is placed on a route where there are traffic issues.

As Director of Transportation, Tom says he puts in 20-25 hours a week. He makes the adjustments to the drivers/buses/schedules. He is there at 6 in the morning to unlock and check the buses. The drivers come between 6:20-6:30. Chad comes at 6:35. At 6:45 lights are checked and the first bus pulls out at 6:55.

Besides bus routes, there are 232 activities throughout the year that require a bus or buses to take groups to activities out of town. There are cancellations and overlaps of activities creating challenges, but Tom expressed how wonderful it is to have so many students involved in activities.

Next week's Speaker:

Jason Schupp
Treynor Athletic/Activities Director

Famous Quote

“Act as though it were impossible to fail.”

Dorothea Brande

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present. Tom Trede was a guest.

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau offered the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, Jordan Campbell, Steve Chambers and Bill Vorthmann shared jokes.

50/50: Gary Funkhouser won.

Attendance: Gene Seran, but it went unclaimed.

Football Contest: Gary Guttau won.

Birthdays: We celebrated Dee Guttau's birthday. She provided cinnamon rolls and pastries. Thank you!

Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Vorthmann will have their 54th anniversary on Sept. 26.

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

- Gary Guttau bragged about a 5.8 lb. sweet potato he grew.
- Judy Guttau and Gary Funkhouser contributed for the great win over AHST in football last night 26-25.
- Judy Guttau also stated that a spontaneous party with Mick's siblings was held on their porch yesterday to celebrate Dee's birthday. Dee & Gary plus Chad, and Darsie & Marlyn Eitmann came.
- Kirk Vorthmann stated that his son Kendall sighted a mountain lion on a gravel road north of Treynor. It walked in front of him across the road, slowed down, had a big long tail, and looked right at him.
- Dick Fox bragged that his granddaughter, who is a senior in high school at Gothenburg has 1000 kills and 1000 digs in volleyball with the season yet remaining. The team has a 17-1 record.

- Jordan Campbell bragged on the Treynor Volleyball team win over Riverside.
- Steve Chambers stated the football team at Treynor is a very nice group of kids.
- Dee Guttau stated that two community people indicated they enjoy the Optimist newsletter and is their only source of news in Treynor.

Community:

- Kevin Underwood shared that the Mt. Hope Soup Supper is Sun., Sept. 24 from 4-7 PM and the public is invited.

Business:

- Membership dues are \$75 per member and \$44 for lifetime members. Dues are due Oct. 1.
- Can Kennel sorting will be at 4 PM to help Zion Youth on Sunday, Sept. 24. The cans will now be delivered to Atlantic on Tuesday. Bill Vorthmann and Keith Denton will have trailers available. Jordan indicated glass bottles will be taken to LE Smash in town to receive 10 cents a bottle.
- The hat was passed for "Sewing for Babies", a program shared a couple weeks ago. \$174 was collected. Next week the hat will be passed for "Shopping with a Sheriff", an annual event the Optimists support.
- Jordan Campbell stated that at the AHST football game it was announced one of their high school students, Grace Pauley, had been in a bad accident. Prayers are requested for her and the doctors and nurses.

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

HUMOR

I LIKE TO MAKE LISTS.

**I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE THEM
LAYING ON THE KITCHEN
COUNTER AND THEN GUESS
WHAT'S ON THE LIST WHILE
AT THE STORE.**

FUN GAME.

Calendar

Events

Sept 24 Can Kennel Sorting for Zion Youth- 4 PM

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Sept 24 Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

Sept Judy Guttau (5th Sat.)
Oct Gary Guttau (1st, 2nd, 4th Sat)
Judy Guttau (3rd Sat)
Nov Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat)
Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)

Speakers

Sept. 30 Jason Schupp, Treynor Athletic/Activities
Director

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