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National Youth Leadership Forum

The first speaker was Maili McKern, a Treynor 5th grade student who was nominated by her



teachers to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Chicago this summer. Maili explained that the program will be from Monday, June 19, to Friday, June 23, from 8:00 in the morning to 6:00 in the evening.

The theme for this year's forum is STEM Island. She will be participating in three fun STEM

challenges in the fields of engineering, medicine and CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) while imagining life as an explorer on an ancient lost island. Her time will include learning about mechanical engineering, circuitry and sensor technology; clinical health while role playing a medical intern; and running blood sample analyses for CSI, together with daily leadership classes. Maili is excited to learn these skills and experience various careers in the STEM fields. The tuition cost is \$1,595 for non-boarded students.

Treynor High Music Trip to Chicago

Our second speakers were music students Cole Wetzell, Brendan Mass and Clarissa Wetzell representing the Treynor High School Music

Department that traveled to Chicago this past March. The students discussed highlights of their time in Chicago including Navy Pier, Willis Tower with its glass ledge, Blue Man Group, Water Tower Place, Magnificent Mile in downtown Chicago, Medieval Times with sword fighting, jousting and eating their meal with hands only – no utensils, Millennium Park which included displays of modern art and Shedd Aquarium, one of the first aquarium's in the country with outstanding architecture.



But of all the attractions in Chicago none could compare with the significance of visiting Chicago's Vandercook College of Music established in 1909. Today the college remains the only college in the nation dedicated solely to music education. The instrumental students brought their instruments and together with the vocal students attended applicable clinics where they received instruction and tips from professors in the College of Music. The students also performed for the College.

Two chartered buses with 82 students and 10 adults made the trip this year. The trip is taken every four years and is financed by food-sale fund raisers, out-of-pocket payments and concession stands. Mr. Schoening credits not only the students but also the dedicated efforts of the Music Boosters for making the trip a reality every four years – many thanks go to them.

Meeting Minutes

President Kirk Vorthmann called the April 22, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Legion Room of the Treynor Community Center. Twelve members and seven guests were present.

The meeting began with humor from Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau and Ann Vorthmann. Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Guttau offered the prayer.

Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Bill Vorthmann was not present to collect the attendance prize. For bragging rights and a one-dollar donation to the Youth Fund, guest, Jeff Schoening, contributed, as he will be a grandfather again in two weeks and Marsha Underwood contributed for being named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year at Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital.

Upcoming community events are the Prom's Parade of Stars and the Optimist Youth Appreciation event. Gary Guttau will arrange for the Boy Scouts to go door to door with flyers promoting the Optimist Flag Project. Treynor Schools are having a walkathon and penny war for Type 1 diabetes research. A mock car crash event is being planned for the high school on May 5. The event will educate students on what happens in a vehicle accident and the importance of safe driving and emergency services.



Cole Wetzel, Treasurer, and Zach Mass, President, of the Treynor Junior Optimist Club picked up their \$596 check for can kennel proceeds. The Junior Optimists are important to our community; among other things they sponsor a food drive at Super Bowl time and a winter clothing drive, participate in the can kennel, and partner with the Keep Kids Alive Drive 55 campaign. Currently there are 56 Treynor Junior Optimists. This year Junior Optimist stickers were applied to lockers to identify members. Gary Funkhouser is the adult leader.

Calendar

Apr 23: Youth Appreciation, 3:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen
Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
Apr 25 – Irvin Saar
Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen

Speakers

Apr 22 – Candace Gregory – Open Door Mission

Programs

April - Gary Funkhouser
May -
June - Jim Clausen
July - First two weeks open
Last two – Jerry Hempel
August - First two weeks open
Last weeks – Bob Mantell
September - Ken Graham
October - Gary Guttau
November - Mick Guttau
December –