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Supt. Dr. Hopkins Speaks

Dr. Mark Hopkins, new Treynor School Superintendent, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, December 14 at the Treynor Community Building. Supt. Hopkins was raised as a farm kid in Lorenz, Iowa and pursued speech, drama, agriculture activities. He and his wife Debra have three grown boys.



Hopkins first job was at Farragut teaching English/Language and coaching speech and drama for seven years. He then taught two years at Dennison, became a principal at Lone Tree, did advanced work at the University of Iowa and then became AHST Superintendent for three years. He has now completed his PHD while also working at Buena Vista College of Education and

is now in his first year at Treynor. He and his wife are currently living in Council Bluffs but are building a house in Treynor.

Supt. Hopkins was excited to share the good news that became public this week about the bequest of \$5 million from the estate of Rick Wenninghoff to be used for scholarships for Treynor and Underwood students. The details are in the planning stage still. Dr. Hopkins stated this is huge for the school and very much appreciated.

TeamMates was the second topic discussed. An advisory group is implementing the program through the school first with 3rd and 6th grade students. There is a need for mentors to commit to meeting with a child during school time for an hour once a week. The mission of TeamMates, founded by Tom and Nancy Osborne in 1991, is to provide support and encouragement to school aged youth. The time can be spent talking, playing a board game, helping with school work, etc.

The third main topic was an update about the construction project at the school. The bus garage project should be completed by mid-January. This project provides safer drop off and pick up of elementary students. One bus barn is unheated and

will hold up to eight buses plus vans and cars. There are electrical outlets for warming up buses. The heated bus barn includes a break room, office, and area to maintain buses.

Due to heavy rains last summer, the projected date for completion of the new school building construction is now Feb. 2021. Steel beams are currently going up for the roof. This new portion will be totally enclosed by Feb.

The big benefits of the building project are a 500 seat auditorium, a larger band and vocal room, a larger weight room, a larger wrestling room HVAC in the gym area, four more class rooms plus more offices, new locker rooms plus more.

Other topics discussed were seat belts required in new buses, the mascot agreement, American history, and the various hats he is wearing. Welcome to Treynor, Supt. Hopkins!

Next week's speaker will be Jason James speaking about the new housing project in Treynor. Join us from 8-9 AM at the Treynor Community Building. The coffee will be on!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Thirteen members were present and one guest, Dr. Mark Hopkins.

Jokes/stories were shared by Chad Guttiau and Bill Vorthmann. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttiau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Keith Denton and the Attendance Drawing was won by Dee Guttiau.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Kevin Underwood's birthday was observed.

Bragging Rights

Contributions were made by 1) Mick and Judy Guttiau to state that grandson Brock Fox has committed to play football at Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD. 2) Judy Guttiau to share about the Christmas party at Children's Square put on by the employees of TS Bank.

Community News:

Judy Guttau reported the Heroes event at the Palace Event Center was well attended and a fun event. It was reported the Treynor Christmas Party at the Community Center was well attended and that Tom and Sue Trede did a good job as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Old Business: None

New Business:



Matt Saar was presented his official membership information. Glad to have you as a member, Matt.

Gary Guttau reported the can kennel sorting collected 22 bags of cans, 14 bags of plastics, and 785 glass bottles. There were ten students who helped. Optimists helping were Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser,

Chad Guttau, Bill Vorthmann, and John Klein. The After Prom Committee will sort cans on Dec. 23.

Bill Vorthmann announced that the club will meet on Dec. 28.

Judy Guttau summarized last week's board meeting actions: 1) \$50 will be donated to help the JOI club add to their basket for the Coaches vs Cancer Auction. 2) The top participant for the essay and oratory contest will receive \$100 each. Medals are given to the top three placeholders. Teachers have been arranged to lead these contests. 3) There was discussion about offering a first year break in dues for spouses joining but it was decided to leave it that all members pay the same. School teachers do get a state-wide break. 4) New member's fees can be prorated according to when they join. 5) Can kennel applications were reviewed and time periods assigned. Our club period will be June 11-July 8. Many organizations volunteered to help with putting up and taking down flags.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

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Calendar

Dec. 20 Coaches vs Cancer Fundraiser
Dec. 23 Can Kennel Sorting – After Prom

Birthdays

Dec. 23 Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Dec. 27 Gary and Dee Guttau

Programs

Dec. Jim Clausen
Jan. Keith Denton
Feb. Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

Dec. 21 Jason James, Realtor, Heartland Properties
Dec. 28 Anthony Kava, Policeman involved in cracking the case in Macedonia