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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 17, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN KLEIN will present the Playground Project plans and fund raising ideas will be discussed. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 1/3/04 there were 23 members and one guest present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to THERESA DONNEY, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to KELLY SUTHERLAND.

Steve Irvin was welcomed as a guest. Steve spoke about his recent relocation to Treynor from South Page schools where he taught and coached for 23 years. Steve is now a teacher and guidance counselor at Treynor schools. Steve was president of the College Springs-South Page Optimist Club last year and we welcome him to our club now.

MICK GUTTAU contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund for being quoted in a magazine.

Thanks to KELLY, LES and MILLI HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, and JOHN KLEIN for assisting the After-the-Prom Committee with the last can and bottle sorting. JOHN noted there were many workers, so the job was done in short order. JOHN also noted that groups had not requested use of the Can Kennel for many months of 2004.

JOHN announced the Playground Equipment company representatives met at East Park and reviewed the present equipment and the space available for new additions. They will prepare plans for review in a couple weeks.

JEFF JERGENSEN produced some auction items for the Dues Fund. A certificate for a haircut at the Treynor Barbershop plus a pound of M.J. Java coffee went for \$14. A certificate for a haircut at the Mane Attraction in Treynor plus a couple tins of candy went for \$7. Thanks to the contributors.

Bob announced the Community Christmas tree lights would be taken down after the Club meeting.

At the Club meeting on 1/10/04 there were 30 members and one guest present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER VORTHMANN, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU.

Several contributions to the Youth Fund were in order for bragging rights. Pres. JERRY, CHAD, JOHN, TIM GREINER, and JIM CLAUSEN each contributed a dollar.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the Octagon Club plans to conduct a TWA fund raising activity for Barbara Deitchler on February 6 at half-time of the girl's basketball game. Club members are asked to lend a hand arranging for prizes and conducting the airplane throw.

JUDY GUTTAU circulated a sign-up sheet for monthly program coordinators for the year.

TERESA FAHRENKURG reminded all that the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby was starting at the high school at 8 a.m. with weigh in and judging.

P.S. A blind man came into a big department store and headed for the center of the floor. Stopping, he picked up his Seeing Eye dog by the hind legs and proceeded to whirl the dog around in a circle.

Astonished, the department store manager rushed over as the dog landed back on the floor. "Uh, can I help you with anything,

Thanks to BOB, LARRY KRAMER, and RICHARD VORTHMANN for taking down the Christmas tree lights.

Pres. JERRY announced the new Sidney Optimist Club was having their Charter Banquet Sunday, the 25th. Reservations need to be sent by the 20th.

JEFF J. auctioned s \$30 certificate for oil change and lubrication from Eddy's in Council Bluffs, a \$20 certificate to Charleston's restaurant in Omaha, and a B-B-Q tool set provided by MIKE ABBOTT for the Dues Fund.

The Board meeting met with eight members in attendance. Treasurer MIKE reported funds on hand of \$5600. He suggested we have the Spaghetti Dinner at the school next time to attract a larger crowd. MIKE reported \$216 was received for the Dues Fund by auctions during the 1st quarter.

The removal of Dallas Whitney, and Zori Abbott from the roster were accepted. Dennis White and Steve Irvin were added to the membership. Board members will contact members with dues due.

Alternatives to the mug and certificate of appreciation for guest speakers were discussed. The present mode will continue.

A standing order for recognition advertisements in The Gazette was approved.

The use of the Can Kennel in February for Club youth contributions was approved. MIKE asked for a count of bagged cans and bottles for each collection.

LARRY was appointed chair of a committee to develop plans for the 20th Anniversary celebration.

The sponsorship of the Treynor Cub Scout Pack was approved. JEFF J. will arrange a program to discuss organizing a Club foundation.

JOHN K. asked for a commitment to the Playground Project to include in the grant applications. The Board will address this after the plans are presented to the members.

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT

Retired Pott. Co. Assessor Jim O'Neil spoke about the past, present and future of the assessment process for property taxes. The current computerized system based on real market value is as fair and open as practical, Jim said. Yet, there is an effort by some Iowa legislators to replace the current system with system modeled on a California method. Jim stated this 'new' assessment method is not a better way than the current one.

CALENDAR

Jan. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 14 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 17 Club meeting, program led by JOHN KLEIN.
- Jan. 24 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 25 Sidney Club Charter Banquet, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Club meeting, "Christmas White Elephant Gift Auction".
- Jan. 31 SISCO 2004 Show organization meeting, Red Oak.

Feb. Can Collections for Optimist Contributions to Youth Birthdays

- 1/20 PENNY NELSON, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT
- Anniversaries
- (none in January)
- # recognized to date

sir?"

"No, thanks," replied the blind man. "Just looking."

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