



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning February 24, 2007 at the Community Center. Treynor Elementary School Principal Tim Larsen will speak about the school programs and issues. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 2/17 there were 23 members present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. JEFF JORGENSEN offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to DALE WILLENBORG. The attendance pot was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU.

It was a big day for contributions by Club members to the Youth Fund for numerous recognitions and announcements. GARY FUNKHOUSER'S birthday was recognized. There was a news photo in the taken during the Spaghetti Dinner that included LARRY KRAMER, JIM CLAUSEN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, BILL VORTHMANN, and JEFF JORGENSEN working in the kitchen. JERRY HEMPEL announced that our club was selected as the Charter Partner of the Year by the scout district. KRAMER circulated a photo of his new grandson. FUNKHOUSER noted several recent achievements of Treynor student groups such as the Math Counts Team, jazz choir, jazz band, and speech teams. JOHN KLEIN noted the Wife Swap TV show scheduled on the 19th featuring the family of a work colleague. DALE WILLENBORG stated four coworkers in his office were in a local Runza commercial. Pres. GUTTAU recognized the 500th career win of Treynor Girl's Basketball coach Gail Hartigan

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the local Optimist International Essay contest entries have been judged and the winning entry is being forwarded to the Iowa District competition which offers a \$650 prize and a chance in the international contest which offers a \$6000 prize.

LARRY KRAMER reported results of the North-South Basketball Challenge. The 50/50 raffle sales we conducted netted \$334. The total receipts from the event were about \$5000. TS Bank has offered to match this amount. Thanks to Optimist members who worked with other community groups to make this a successful fund raising event for the City of Treynor Highway Welcome Sign project.

Pres. GUTTAU announced the committee decision to schedule 2007 Treynor Days with homecoming in the fall. The date is to be determined in a few weeks.

JEFF JORGENSEN called for the formation of a committee to search for a new Cub Master of the Treynor Cub Scout Pack. The current Cub Master is taking on a responsibility at the district level. Our club sponsors the Cub Pack of nearly 70 members and is responsible for maintaining leadership.

P.S. A man was complaining of insomnia. "Even counting sheep is no good. I counted 10,000, sheared them, combed the wool, had it spun into cloth, made into suits, took them into town---and lost \$21 on the deal. So I haven't slept in a week."

Expenses of up to \$35 were approved for committee use.

The next can and bottle sorting is scheduled with the Octagon Club on the 21st after school at 3:30 p.m. The Treynor Dance Team was approved for using the Can Kennel in March.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION NEEDED

Next Tuesday, February 27, 2007, there is a \$4.7 million school bond election scheduled to increase and improve the Treynor Junior-Senior High facilities and services. Superintendent KEVIN ELWOOD explained the number of students moving up from the elementary school will need more class room space. Additionally the total student population has been steadily growing about 3% annually, and this trend is expected to continue. When K to 6th grade can no longer fit in the elementary school, the 6th grade would be transferred to the junior-senior building. If preschool education programs develop in the future, ELWOOD, stated, even the 5th grade might be moved. Thus there is a need for more class room space in the current junior-senior building. Junior-Senior High School Principal JOEL BOHLKENS explained the bond issue allows for expansion of the building to the south, adding high school class and laboratory rooms, kitchen, commons-cafeteria, and offices. Renovation of the 1960s vintage section of the current building is planned. Also green space for outdoor activities will be rebuilt on newly acquired land south of the current school property. ELWOOD noted that local option tax revenue can be used for the expansion, and the Treynor school district has a lower tax levy than most area districts. According to estimates the actual tax payer cost would be about \$35 per \$100,000 assessed valuation of a home and about \$.50 per acre for \$600 per acre assessed valuation of agricultural land. School Board President JERRY HEMPEL explained there is a long range plan for another addition to the high school, but this shouldn't be needed for 8 to 10 years in the future. But as the school district student numbers continue to grow, expansion of school facilities is inevitable.

CALENDAR

February Can Kennel contributions for Octagon Club.

- Feb. 21 Can and bottle sorting, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Club meeting, program by Tim Larsen.
- Feb. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

March Can Kennel contributions for Dance Team.

- Mar. 3 Club meeting, program TBA.

Birthdays

- 2/1 DICK BABER#, 2/5 LARRY KRAMER#,
- 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN#,
- 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER#

Anniversaries

- 2/6 JON JACOBSEN, 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN
- # recognized to date

