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Treynor Mayor

Bryce Poland, new mayor of Treynor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, January 21 at 8:00 a.m. He started his tenure as mayor at the beginning of the year.

Bryce was born in Dallas in 1974. He has two older sisters and a twin brother, Aaron. His father grew up in Winterset, Iowa and his mother in Erlham, Iowa.

Bryce graduated from Treynor in 1993 and attended Iowa Western Community College to learn Architecture. He works for Huntel Engineering in Blair, Nebraska, which is 53 miles to go to work.

Bryce married his wife Jamie in 1996, has two children, and moved to Treynor in 2001. He was appointed to the City Council in 2002.

Treynor is involved in a variety of projects at this time. They are working on replacing parts of the water system. They spend \$20,000-\$25,000 each year on street maintenance. They are inspecting the water tower inside. They also replaced all the stop signs in town with break-off poles.

With a grant from Iowa West Foundation, Treynor is beginning a study on community improvements. They will have 2-3 meetings, with the first on January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Bryce is excited about improving Treynor. He would also like to pave the remainder of the parking lot for the Community Center.

Meeting Minutes

On January 14, President Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting at 8:00a.m. Keith Denton, Gary Funkhouser, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund for his granddaughter Erin getting on the Dean's list at Iowa State University.

Keith Denton offered 2 paintings for auction that were on small serving trays that had Optimist painted on them.

Gary Funkhouser reported on the Optimist regional meeting on March 10th at St John's United Church of Christ in Council Bluffs, starting at 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Gary Gutttau reported on the spaghetti dinner which was held on Jan 13th. The club took in about \$1200 before expenses.

Chad Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Judy Gutttau introduced the guest speaker, Steve Owens. President Nielsen closed the meeting after all recited the optimist creed.

(Jan 14 minutes complements of Kirk Vorthmann)

Keith Denton, Richard Vorthmann, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes for the Optimist club meeting on

January 21. Chuck Nielsen opened the meeting with the pledge and he also offered the opening prayer.

Dennis White contributed to the Youth Fund for his birthday on January 19. He also brought breakfast pizza from Caseys.

Can kennel sorting for the After Prom Committee on Wednesday resulted in 61 bags of cans and plastic. That included 36 bags of cans and 25 of plastic.

Chuck Nielsen again discussed the Optimist regional meeting on March 10th at St John's United Church of Christ in Council Bluffs, starting at 9:00-10:00 a.m. The plan is to go after the normal club meeting.

Chad Gutttau asked the club to donate to the YMCA to help underprivileged youth. It was deferred to the Board Meeting.

Steve Irvin asked the Optimist Club to help two girls at the Treynor School who moved into the district this summer when their house flooded. A pass-the-hat collection yielded \$200 for them to buy some good clothing. Steve Irvin talked to one of them this past week and they were very happy with their acceptance by the students at Treynor.

Arlyn Norris won the 50/50 drawing and contributed it toward clothing for the two Treynor girls. Gerald Forristall won the attendance award, but did not collect. There were 14 members and two guests at the meeting.

There was a short Board meeting after the club meeting. The Board approved paying quarterly club dues of \$142.50. They also voted to contribute \$50 to the YMCA for youth that need assistance.

Calendar

- Jan 25 – Can Kennel for After Prom, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 4 – Zone meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Elk Horn City Hall
- Mar 10 – Regional Optimist Meeting at St. John UCC

Birthdays

- Jan 19 – Dennis White (recognized)
- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

Anniversaries

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & LuEttta Vorthmann

Speakers

- Feb 4 – Chad Vorthmann-trip to Germany (food will be provided)
- Feb 11 (Speaker?) - 4-H Club will provide food

Programs

- Dec – Chuck Nielsen