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July 21, 2012

IWCC

Dr. Dan Kinney, President of Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on July 21. He has been at IWCC for 18 years. Dr. Kinney talked about funding, new construction, and recent events and initiatives.

Dr. Kinney said that funding at originally funding for IWCC was

Dr. Kennev split equally between the state of lowa, property taxes, and tuition. Now it is funded 29% by the state, 64.4% by tuition, and less than 5% by property taxes.

The enrollment consists of 4,076 full time students and 3,125 part time students, a 62% increase since 2003. IWCC has 1,198 on campus residents. The students accumulated 165,000 credits last year.

Since 1998, IWCC has spent \$120M in new construction and repairs. They now have 639,000 more square feet of space. Due to greater efficiencies through renovations, their electrical needs have not gone up.

IWCC has a major focus on scholarships. They have allocated about \$2M per year. The scholarship foundation has \$20M in assets.

Some of the recent events and initiatives at IWCC include:

- Human simulation center for Nursing with 16 simulators. They expect to graduate 144 nurses in the Spring. They are working with Nebraska Wesleyan to offer a BSN in Nursing.
- New Design Tech Program, using a \$65M grant from Siemens. This program is offered at the Atlantic campus.
- Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistance lab.
- Math Development Lab. This is a test site for a self paced program to help students prepare for college math.

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Calendar
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July 25 - Can Kennel for Boy scouts - 9:00 a.m. July 26 – Westfair help (noon – 3:00 and 3:00-6:00) Birthdays Jul 14 - Gary Guttau (recognized) Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel Jul 27 – Jim Clausen Anniversaries Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen (recognized) Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen (recognized) Speakers July 28 -Programs July – Jeff Jorgensen Aug – Arlyn Norris Sept - Steve Irvin

- They had the Higher Learning Commission quality check, which is required every three years for school certification. It check nine categories of compliance. IWCC had no negative comments or suggestions.
- Planning Clark Hall construction of science labs and general purpose classrooms.



Trevor Pavlik receiving his scholarship check from Chuck Nielsen

Meeting Minutes

Chuck Nielsen provided jokes and opened the meeting on July 21. Judy Guttau offered the opening prayer.

Chuck Nielsen celebrated his anniversary. Richard Vorthmann, Jim Clausen, and Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund in celebration of the girl's Softball State Tournament win. Judy Guttau contributed in recognition of the Chanticleer Community Theater youth production of Fiddler on the Roof. Kevin Underwood contributed because his sister is doing well in her recovery.

Trevor Pavlik received his \$300 scholarship check from the Optimist Club. He will be attending Morningside, majoring in Pre-Med. He also plans to play football and trombone. He leaves August 5.

Can kennel sorting is Wednesday, July 25. Enough people signed up to help at Westfair on July 26.

Ken Graham won the 50/50. Milli Harvey won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 12 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Oct - Chuck Nielsen Nov – Gary Guttau Dec – Bill Vorthmann Prayers July 28 — Richard Vorthmann August 4 -August 11 — Ken Graham August 18 — Mick Guttau August 25 -September 1 — Dennis White September 8 -September 15 — Gary Funkhouser September 22-Kirk Vorthmann September 29 -October 6 — Steve Irvin

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The plane was only half-full. When an attractive young woman asked if the seat next to mine was free, my male ego soared. Soon we were chatting pleasantly, and she told me it was her first flight. "Mom said to sit next to someone I thought I could trust," she confessed nervously. "And you look just like my dad."