



Denise Wilson, Katie Weis, Austin Toms
St. Paul Youth (SPY)

The SPY traveled to Cortez, Colorado for their service project this year. Youth Works sets up projects in over 75 communities throughout the country each year. The projects run for 9 weeks in the summer, with a different group of youth working on the projects each week. There were 50-75 students in the project at Cortez.

Denise Wilson, Katie Weis, and Austin Toms talked about this year's project. Katie talked about Kids Club. Each day they had 50-60 children that came for vacation bible school and other activities. Some of the children do not know where their next meal will come from. The SPY youth help with reading, crafts, bible stories, and games. The children attending are ages 4 through 10, but 3 year olds can come with older siblings. Thursday is water day, where they play with water guns and balloons.

Denise drove a van each day to pick up children. She picked them up from 10:30 until 11:30. Activities start at 1:00 with singing and stations organized by the youth. The children are grouped by ages. They take the children home at 3:00 p.m.

Denise said that they have gone at the end of the 9 week summer period in the past, because of Treynor sports. Many of the service projects have been completed by then. This year they went earlier.

The church where they operated from is a food pantry. It serves meals every Wednesday night during school for about 100 children.

Austin talked about the work project at the Pine Street House. It is a place for the disabled. They scraped and painted the house. About 15 people helped.

Calendar

- Aug 15 – Can Kennel Sorting for Music Boosters, TBD time
- Aug 29 – Can Kennel Sorting, TBD time

Birthdays

- Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau
- Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

- Aug 9 – Tim & Janet Greiner
- Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Speakers

- August 4—Paul Koch—potter
- August 11—SPY group on their mission trip
- August 18—Joy Young on Parish Nursing
- August 25—probably one of the Norris brothers

Programs

- Aug – Arlyn Norris

Youth Works has been in Cortez for about 10 years. It is in the poorest county in Colorado. Katie said that the children on this trip were more loving than the previous trips she went on.

The youth worked on Kids Club for two days and on a work project for two days. They also visited a nursing home.

Twelve youth and three adults went on the trip this year. It cost \$240-\$275 per person for the trip, plus gas. They hold fundraisers and take donations for the trip.



Jacob Weis receiving \$300 scholarship

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, Richard Vorthmann, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes and opened the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on August 11. Ken Graham offered the opening prayer.

Jim Clausen contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because Treynor received votes for second place in the KMA sports poll.

Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday.

Jacob Weis came and accepted his scholarship. He is going to UNO to study Chemistry. He will live on campus.

Ken Graham won the 50/50. Marsha Underwood won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 11 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

There was a board meeting after the regular club meeting. The board compiled a list of possible officers for next year. They also approved ordering dictionaries for the third grade, \$500 for the bullying program at Treynor, and a can kennel for SPY for April 2013.

- Sept – Steve Irvin
- Oct – Chuck Nielsen
- Nov – Gary Gutttau
- Dec – Bill Vorthmann

Prayers

- August 18 — Mick Gutttau
- August 25 — Arlyn Norris
- September 1 — Dennis White
- September 8 — Dale Willenborg
- September 15 — Gary Funkhouser
- September 22 — Kirk Vorthmann
- September 29 — Gary Gutttau
- October 6 — Steve Irvin
- October 20 — Chuck Nielsen
- October 27 — Ken Graham