



Personal Stories



Jim Anderson

There were no speakers for the meeting on December 29, so several people reported on events happening in their lives. Bill Vorthmann said that in October a neighbor periodically burns trash down by the creek. He was woken at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday morning by a deputy sheriff to ask about the fire. Bill told the sheriff that it wasn't his fire. The sheriff didn't believe him, but finally talked to the

neighbor later in the day, who admitted it was his fire.

Dale Willenborg reported that he had received a fake \$100 bill and talked about the paperwork he had to fill out after trying to cash it at the Credit Union. The fake bill was created by taking a \$5 bill, washing out the ink, and reprinting it as a \$100 bill. It can be distinguished as a fake by looking at the watermark. Marking pens and bill counting machines cannot detect it as a fake. The Secret Service investigates fake money.

Gary Gutttau talked about internet scams. Some of them are obviously scams, but some are very subtle.

Modern Food Production

Jim Anderson spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 5 and led a discussion on modern food production. He is a member of the Underwood Optimist Club and a graduate of Hancock in 1957. He has a Master's degree in Soil Sciences. He has published a reviewed paper titled "Let Sound Science Prevail."

No detailed notes were taken, but some of the controversial topics of conversation included:

- Biotechnology and transgenic crops
- Food vs. fuel
- Animal rights: free range vs confinement and the Humane Society of the United States
- Organic vs conventional production using chemicals and biotech crops

Calendar

- Jan 9 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, 3:30 p.m.
- Jan 30 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb 9 – Pinewood Derby

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen

Programs

- Jan - Josh Gutttau (1st two weeks)
- Jan - Bill Matthew (2nd two weeks)
- Feb - Bob Mantell (1st two weeks)
- Feb - Jon Jacobsen (2nd two weeks)
- Mar - Dale Willenborg

- High fructose corn syrup
- Helping the world's farmers feed and fuel our planet
- Soil and water conservation and sustainable agriculture

Jim said that there are many emotional arguments on both sides of these issues, but science does not back up many of the arguments.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on December 29. Ken Graham and Gary Gutttau provided jokes before the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Graham offered the opening prayer.

Ken Graham contributed to the Youth Fund because he has a new granddaughter. Dennis White announced that his daughter is pregnant and he is expecting his 7th grandchild this year. Richard Vorthmann, not to be outdone, has had three great-grandchildren this year.

There will be a board meeting next week. Feb 9 is the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Judges are needed.

Ken Graham won the 50/50 to continue his streak of wins. Marsha Underwood won the attendance award, but was gone last week so she couldn't collect. There were 14 members at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

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Ken Graham submitted the question of the day; when did Iowa start collecting Income Taxes. Answer: 1932.

Steve Irvin contributed to the Youth Fund because his son, an attorney in Sioux City, argued a case before the Iowa Supreme Court. Results will be in a few months.

There is a Zone meeting in Underwood on Jan 9 at 6:30 at the UMBA hall. The Pinewood Derby is February 23.

Dennis White won the 50/50. Jim Clausen won the attendance award. There were 16 members and one guest at the meeting. There was a board meeting after the club meeting.

- Apr - Chad Gutttau
- May - Gary Funkhouser
- Jun - Gary Gutttau

Speakers

- Jan 5 - Jim Anderson (Modern Food Production)
- Jan 12 - Kevin Forristall (Behavioral Economics)
- Jan 19 - Cynthia Angeroth, Outreach Coordinator for Iowa School for the Deaf
- Jan 26 - Eric Koch U.S. Constitution and his Campaign experiences.

Prayers

- Jan 19—Steve Irvin
- Jan 26—Dee Gutttau
- Feb 2—Mick Gutttau
- Feb 9—Judy Gutttau