



Financial Literacy Program



Bob Mantell was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 25. He is coordinator for "Financial Literacy for the Future!"

Two elementary groups competed in a stock market virtual game in 2013. The 2nd and 3rd grade team won the state competition. The 4th and 5th grade team won second place. Last year there were 45 elementary students participating

and 25 from middle school.

Bob facilitated a High School video contest where they made 90 second commercials. The business class won the state-wide competition and won \$1000. The school gets \$500 and the 4 students share the other \$500.

In May they held an economics Olympics. The 3rd and 5th grade students were tested on their knowledge of foreign economies in a form of economics jeopardy.

Bob is creating an Exploring Post. They go to the bank for 4 hours and explore every aspect of the bank, from human operations to marketing.

The Middle school provides an entrepreneurial experience for 6-8th grade. It lasts one week. They also have a High School financial literacy camp.

The TS Institute works with the Micah House once a month. They help teach basic financial skills.

They held a Financial Literacy Fair in September 2013 for teachers at the Green Hills AEA. 35 teachers attended.

Rue Elementary has a new bank in the school. It started after Labor Day and is open Tuesday mornings.

Monday afternoon they work with Boys and Girls Clubs. There is a different group each week. About 200 youth attend Boys and Girls clubs, so they can only work with part of them every week.

For baseball, last year they won the conference for the 6th straight year. They were 28-7. They also won the Western Iowa conference tournament for the third time in four years.

The Treynor baseball diamond was named the diamond of the year award, recognizing the best field in the state. They are now building a two story clubhouse.

This year they just completed signup for baseball. There are 31 players, including JV and freshmen. Treynor has 40 games scheduled, including Logan and IKM-Manning.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on January 25 and Keith Denton gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton, Gary Gutttau, and Judy Gutttau contributed jokes.

Mick Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights in recognition of his good wife. Bill Vorthmann contributed for a successful spaghetti supper. Keith Denton contributed because of a good Ag Days. Gary Gutttau contributed in recognition of the good performance by the co-ed dance team.

Auction times brought \$3, \$1, and \$4.

Gary Funkhouser reported the results of a school evaluation. The school theme is "Excellence is expected and excellence is achieved. The school has more parental volunteers than can be used at times.

The JOOI club will hold a "Souper Day of Caring" on Sunday, January 26 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Legion fish fry is January 20.

The spaghetti supper fundraiser yesterday brought in \$1224. Expenses have not been tallied yet. There were 145 attending the supper in 2012. With the move to the High School last year, there were 220 served. This year 195 were served.

February 8 the Silver Keg Feeders will provide breakfast.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing. Mick Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but he was gone last week. There were 18 members at the meeting.

Calendar

- Jan 24 – Spaghetti supper fundraiser, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Jan 29 – Can kennel sorting for After-Prom Committee.
Time 3:30 p.m.
- Feb 8 – Silver Keg Feeders provide breakfast

Birthdays

- Jan 19 – Dennis White (recognized)

Programs

- Jan. 25 – Bob Mantell, financial literacy

Prayers

- Feb 1 – Dale Willenborg
- Feb 8 – Arlyn Norris
- Feb 15 – Chuck Nielsen
- Feb 22 – Ken Graham
- Mar 1 – Dee Gutttau
- Mar 8 –
- Mar 15 –
- Mar 22 – Dennis White
- Mar 29 – Judy Gutttau

For many, discussing money is a very private affair and understandably so. It is almost that third unspoken no-no of discussions in polite company following religion and politics. Each family perceives that green stuff differently and each family inflicts (yes, that it is the proper word) their ethical and practical concepts of money onto their children. Money or the lack thereof, represents a family tradition almost like good teeth and family silver, but is privacy the right way to go?

Teaching your children about money goes beyond the obvious. Inspiring them to save and preparing them for employment are vital aspects of adulthood, but not more important than imparting to them the wisdom about the positive and negative aspects of the meaning of money. A good example of this can be found in the concept of gift giving. It is important for children to learn to show love for someone by buying them a gift, but it is equally significant to teach them to show love through words and actions.