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Treynor Fire & Rescue



Russ McGuire spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 14. He started as the Fire Chief in 1994 or 1995 and has been reelected every two years since.

Volunteer fire departments have been in the news a lot lately. The

Treynor fire department is different than other fire departments in the area because it has its own funding, mainly through tax levies. Other volunteer fire departments operate under city funding.

The fire department has 26 volunteers. Ten are EMTs, 4 are paramedics, and 24 volunteers are firefighter certified.

When taking a patient to a hospital, medical direction says they have to go to the nearest hospital. They will ask the patient if they want to go to Jenny Edmundson or Mercy Hospital.

Total revenue for the fire department is about \$144,000. \$82,000 is from tax levies, \$21,000 from fundraisers and donations, \$15,000 from EMS billings, \$6,000 from memorials, and \$10,000 from grants.

The fire department building was built with a 40 year loan for \$440,000. They pay \$21,000 per year toward that loan. Equipment costs \$20,000-\$30,000 per year. Tanker costs are \$14,000 per year, insurance another \$14,000, and parts and fuel \$7500. Utilities are \$8000 and they have spent \$36,000 the past three years to get three-quarters of the parking lot paved. To offset some expenses for volunteers, they get a stipend of \$20 per call.

Calendar

Feb 25, Wed – Can kennel sorting after school
 Feb 28, Sat – District Meeting
 Mar 29 – Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet

Birthdays

Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (recognized)
 Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (recognized)

The volunteers have meetings twice a month. Once meeting is for business and one is for training.

Last year they had 177 calls. Some are cancelled and some are false alarms. They made about 130 actual calls, 80-85% of them for medical reasons.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and Chad Guttau gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser and Dee Guttau provided jokes.

Next can kennel sorting will be Wednesday, February 11 after school for the Dance Team.

Gary Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights. Richard Vorthmann brought pizza from Caseys to celebrate his birthday.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Irvin won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 14 members, one guest at the meeting.

Gary Funkhouser reported that there were 15 essays going to be judged for the Optimist essay contest. The oratory contest will be in March.

There was a board meeting after the club meeting. Gary Guttau, Bill Vorthmann, John Klein, Dee Guttau and Dale Willenborg attended the meeting. The board approved the budget submitted by Gary Guttau. The board voted to look into having the spaghetti supper in conjunction with a football game this fall, possibly the kickoff game. The board also approved the following applications for can kennel.

Feb 2015 – Dance Team
 March 2015 – JOOI
 Apr 2015 – SPY group
 May 2015 – Silver Creek 4-H club
 June 2015 – Zion Youth Group
 Sept 2015- Wrestling cheerleaders
 Oct 2015 – Music Boosters

Anniversaries

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
 Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

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Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in kindergarten. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother remarked..."doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed."

This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"