



Iowa Republican Caucuses

Jeff Jorgensen, chairman of the Pottawattamie County Republican Central Committee, was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 26. He said that the caucuses in Iowa have four purposes. The caucus is a county business meeting to:

1. Select a presidential preference
2. Select delegates to the county convention
3. Select planks for the county convention
4. Include signing of nomination papers



Most people leave after the presidential preferences. The other activities are important, but take place later in the meeting. Iowa has had caucuses since 1846.

This year the Republican Party was not prepared for the large attendance. Four years ago

they had 1700 people participate and this year they

had 2900. There are 40 precincts in Pottawattamie County.

Microsoft provided software this year to report ballot counts. It could be downloaded to a smart phone for easy input and sending.

Recently the Republican Party revamped the party platform from 13 pages to 5 pages. Now they need to look at better ways to sign in people for the caucus to prevent long lines of people waiting to sign in and get a ballot.

The Iowa caucus is the first in the nation and brings a lot of money into the state. It is important to state revenues to preserve this status.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein opened the meeting on March 26 and led the pledge of allegiance. Bill Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton provided humor.

The Optimist Club Breakfast fundraiser will be Sunday, April 3 at the Middle School cafeteria from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Help is still needed.

For bragging rights, Jim Clausen contributed to the Youth Fund because he is expecting another grandchild on August 8. Dale Willenborg contributed because he will be visiting grandchildren for the next three weeks.

Youth Appreciation is April 17 and 20 youth are expected to receive awards.

There are 30 paid flags so far this year.

Can kennel will be for the Boy Scouts on April 6.

Calendar

- April 2 – Election of club officers
- April 3 - Sunday – Club breakfast fundraiser
- April 17 – Youth Appreciation at ZION – 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- April 20 – Arbor day tree mulching after school-early out
- June 20-24 - Swim lessons

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham (recognized)

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)

Speakers

Prayers

- Apr 2 – Richard Vorthmann
- Apr 9 – Judy Gutttau

Sean is the vicar of a Protestant parish on the border of Northern Ireland and Eire, and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road. One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which says:

"THE END IS NEAR. TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures." From around the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash. Shaking his head, Father Patrick says, "Dat's da therd one dis mornin."

"Yaa," Sean agrees, then adds,

"Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say:

"BRIDGE CLOSED"?