



Pottawattamie County Attorney's Office

Shelly Sudmann, Assistant Pottawattamie County Attorney, shared her experience as a Criminal Division attorney primarily prosecuting drug-related and sex-related



crimes. Shelly received her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law and has worked in the office of the Pottawattamie County Attorney for 13 years. Shelly discussed facts about sex abuse, how parents and the community can reduce the risks to children, and the sex offender registry. She noted that child sexual abuse is likely the most

prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences. About one in ten children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. She explained that, for many reasons, coming forward can be extremely difficult for the victim. Shelly also discussed the need to especially educate youth about the wrongful use of cell phones. Sex-related pictures, if under the age of 18, are considered child pornography. Once posted on the internet, they can never be removed. The County Attorney's office is available to provide education to schools and communities to help minimize the risks to children and youth on subjects such as bullying, sexual abuse, sexting, internet crime and others.

Meeting Minutes

President-elect Kirk Vorthmann called the May 7 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Gary Gutttau. Judy Gutttau, Ann Vorthmann and Marsha Underwood each contributed \$1 for Bragging Rights. Marsha was recognized by Methodist Jennie Edmundson as the volunteer donating the most hours in 2014, amassing 772 hours of service.

Keith Denton won the 50/50 and Chuck Nielsen missed collecting the attendance prize.

Birthdays

- May 11 – Keith Denton
- May 21 - Steve Irvin
- May 22 - Kirk Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Gary Funkhouser reviewed the past week's school activities together with upcoming school events. Gary also announced that Jacob Keay, one of our local Optimist Oratorical Contest winners and winner of the Regional Optimist event, recently competed in the District Optimist Oratorical Contest

Saint Paul Youth will be sorting cans on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm; and in lieu of a speaker at next week's Optimist meeting, flags will be readied for Memorial Day.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting came to order at 9:15. Present were John Klein, Judy Gutttau, Dee Gutttau, Gary Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann and Ann Vorthmann.

The office of Correspondence Secretary was unanimously affirmed for the club. Ann Vorthmann was approved to carry out the duties of Correspondence Secretary which would include but not limited to thank you notes and filling in for the Recording Secretary when absent.

The flags were discussed. Bill will contact Barb Keysor regarding the availability of new flags from Woodmen of the World. Gary will check with Dale regarding how many new flags may be needed and the cost. The Board voted unanimously to provide for ten-\$500 scholarships from the flag proceeds.

The Optimist Club is scheduled for the Can Kennel on September 8 through October 5. Members should be made aware.

The Junior Treynor Women will not be having a Homecoming Supper this year and approached John regarding any interest from the Optimists. The Board was not interested.

Promotion of the Optimist Club was discussed including NOW (New Optimist Worker). The Board decided not to plan any promotion at this time.

Ann discussed keeping meetings to an hour; suggesting speakers begin no later than 8:30 and questions end before 9:00 so the meeting can conclude at 9:00. The Board agreed sticking to an hour format should be encouraged.

Treynor Days had no activity in mind for the Optimists – our choice. We will do 50/50. Treynor Days is Saturday June 25.

Bingo is at Westfair on Saturday afternoon July 30, 3-5.

Rita Laughlin will be next week's speaker and will stay to meet with the Scholarship Committee and help with selection. A memento for speakers was discussed.

- May 27 – Bob & Mary Francis Abbott
- May 29 – Bill & Rhonda Matthew