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St Paul Youth Mission Trip

Denise Wilson and the St. Paul Youth group spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 10. This summer 13 youth and 5 adults went to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation at Lame Deer, Montana on a mission trip through Youth Works.



Lame Deer has about 2000 residents. 78% of the adults are unemployed, 68% of the families live below the poverty line, 67% of the people are under age 18, and the average life expectancy is 57 year old. The tribe leaders are trying to maintain the traditions of the tribe, but that is difficult with many people struggling with alcohol and drug addictions.

The youth joined two other churches in the project, with 4-5 Youth Works people supporting the entire summer program.

One new activity this year was called a blanket exercise. Each youth got a small blanket to stand on and a note card. The blankets represented the United States. As the size of the Indian lands shrunk in colonial days, youth with a certain color of note card had to pick up their blanket and move away. The final 3-4 blankets represented the size of the Indian reservations today, versus the original size.

The youth on the mission trip painted houses, participated in Boys and Girls club activities, and held a prayer walk. The Boys and Girls club activities included making bracelets, sports activities, and skits. For the prayer walk a group of youth and adults would stand on the driveway of a house and pray out loud for the family that lived in the house.

The youth noticed that there were dogs everywhere. There are a lot of run down and abandoned houses. Some boarded up houses still have people living in them. There is a lot of arson. Some youth just burn down houses out of boredom. Over 50% of the kids coming to Boys and Girls Club are in foster care.

The tribe was preparing for a sun dance the following week. The dance is for rain, even though it rained every day they were there. The sun dance is three full days of continuous dancing.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein's absence called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Vorthmann offered the opening prayer. Dale Willenborg and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

The SPY group picked up their can kennel check.



John Klein celebrated his 64th birthday. He offered to pay \$2 to not have the club sing, but Denise Wilson offered \$3 to have them sing.

For bragging rights, Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his parent's 65th wedding anniversary on September 11. Denise Wilson contributed to recognize her granddaughter's 1st birthday on September 11 and her mother's 75th birthday this week.

In the weekly football contest, Judy Gutttau, Dee Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Jim Clausen all tied, but Bill Vorthmann won the tiebreaker.

John Klein, Dee Guttau, Gary Guttau, and Chad Guttau helped the Dance Team with can kennel sorting.

Ann Vorthmann contributed \$10 for the auction item. A six month subscription to the Glenwood Opinion

Tribune. Dennis White won the 50/50. Chuck Nielsen won the attendance award, but did not collect.

There were 14 members and 10 guests at the meeting.

Calendar

- Sept 12 – take down flags at 4:30 p.m.
- Sept 19 – Watch DOGS kickoff
- Sept 21 – Can kennel sorting
- Sept 23 – St. Paul tailgate party before and after game (no cost). Get together after game
- Sept 30 – Homecoming, theme is “Super Heroes”
- Sept 30 – NFL Combine (punt, pass, kick) at 3:00 p.m. for K-5 grades

Birthdays

- Sept – John Klein (recognized)
- Sep 22 - Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

- Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Speakers

- Sept 17 – ZION Youth

Programs

- Sept – Ken Graham
- Oct – Bill Vorthmann
- Nov – Judy Guttau
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Prayers

- Sept 10 – Richard Vorthmann