

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109 Iowa District Governor: \ International Pres: Jim Kondrasuk

March 18, 2017

## Hope Net, Inc.

Chad Guttau introduced speaker Bruce Kuenning, Program Director of Hope Net, Inc. of Council Bluffs. Mr. Kuenning has worked in pastoral ministry for 30 years specializing in youth in the Council Bluffs-Omaha area communities.



Bruce Kuenning & Chad Guttau

Hope Net is a non-profit, faith-based organization providing families and individuals in Council Bluffs with the tools and resources they need to break the cycles of addiction and poverty. The organization particularly ministers to women who are incarcerated and/or are drug-addicted and who wish to live crime free and drug free. A representative of Hope Net goes to the prison or jail to meet women and inform them of Aftercare which upon their release is available from Hope Net. Hope Net also goes to treatment facilities, halfway-houses, and three-quarter-way houses to meet women who may benefit from Hope Network Ministries. Hope Net focuses on helping the women build healthy relationships and helping them connect with other community nonprofits that can provide varied assistance as they reenter the community.

Profits from the Sequel's Thrift Store located at 1836 Madison Avenue are used for the ministries of Hope Net. Another Sequel's is scheduled to NEWSLETTER www.treynoroptimist.org Treynor Optimist Club President: Kirk Vorthmann



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open soon on the east side of Ace Hardware on Broadway in Council Bluffs. Hope Net is grateful for donations to Sequel's; the donations not only provide income but are also available to the participants of Hope Net.

# **Meeting Minutes**

President Kirk Vorthmann called the March 18, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8am in the Legion Room of the Treynor Community Center. Thirteen members and three guests were present.

The meeting began with humor from Chad Guttau and Ken Graham. Ann Vorthmann shared an inspirational quote about optimism. Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Guttau offered the prayer.

Keith Denton won the 50/50 drawing and Marsha Underwood collected the attendance prize. For bragging rights and a one-dollar donation to the Youth Fund, Gary Guttau reminisced about the Meadow Gold milk delivery man. Gary Guttau and John Klein celebrated the ISU Men's Basketball team's NCAA first-round win. Gary Funkhouser celebrated the Treynor Boys' first conference weight-lifting championship and the Treynor Girls' second place in their weight-lifting competition. Ann Vorthmann congratulated her granddaughter, Kaylee Dyke, for Junior High Quiz Bowl participation; John Klein celebrated the enjoyable Pops Concert.

The second Junior Optimists' can sorting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, at 3:30. St. Paul Youth are scheduled for the April Can Kennel. An Optimist contact person for the April can sorting is needed.

John Klein, Dee and Gary Guttau, Bill Vorthmann and Steve Irwin will serve on the scholarship review committee. From the total scholarship applications, nine will be awarded; plus the two JOI service scholarships which together totals 11-\$500 scholarships. An Optimist Board meeting will be scheduled upon Dale Willenborg's return.

Gary Funkhouser reviewed school activities and reported Treynor student enrollment numbers. The deadline to nominate a teacher for the Lakin award is March 30. Applications are available at KMA online.

John Klein announced the following upcoming Cardinal Core activities: March 25, Men's' Alumni Basketball Tourney; April, Mother-Daughter event; April 28, Juvenile Diabetes Walk; and plans being made for Pitch Hit Run.

John Klein reported on the Club's Arbor Day activities. The Pruning Party at the elementary will be on Tues, March 21, at 2:15. Meet at the parking lot of the old football field (adults and JOI members). The mulching party at the elementary with the students will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 12:45. Keith Denton and Gary Guttau will haul mulch from CB on their trailers).

Guests, Amy and Gehard Hansen, were present to receive the After-Prom Can Kennel proceeds.

## Calendar

Apr 12 – Mulch Madness with the Master Gardeners at Elementary School

Apr 23: Youth Appreciation, 3:00 p.m.

## Birthdays

## Mar 2 – Ward Chambers

- Mar 11 Kenneth Graham
- Mar 20 Jon Jacobsen
- Apr 20 Steve Chambers
- Apr 25 Irvin Saar
- Apr 28 Gene Seran

#### Anniversaries

- Mar 4 Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 Keith & Georgia Denton
- Apr 7 Jim & Diane Člausen

#### Speakers

Mar 25 - Emily Shanks

The proceeds will help to provide entertainment for the After Prom which is held at the high school.



Gerhard Hansen, Amy Hansen, Kirk Vorthmann

Apr 1 – Janelle Keysor – Treynor food pantry Apr 8 – Kelly Groskurth – Treynor City Manager Apr 15 - Kali Christensen - Missionary experience Apr 22 – Candace Gregory – Open Door Mission Programs April - Gary Funkhouser May -June - Jim Clausen July - First two weeks open Last two - Jerry Hempel August - First two weeks open Last weeks - Bob Mantell September - Ken Graham October - Gary Guttau November - Mick Guttau December -

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