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## Mick Guttau and Ryan Avis - Church Security Information

Mick Guttau, assisted by Ryan Avis, both from Treynor, spoke on Saturday, December 2 at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting. They shared information about church security from the Sheepdog Seminar they attended at Brookside Church in Omaha. The seminar was designed for church, school, and community leaders interested in learning to maximize protecting people. The name "Sheepdog" comes from a dog as a pup growing up with a flock of sheep. The Sheepdog thinks differently and protects the sheep from the wolves, the crazy ones.



The featured speaker at the Seminar was Col. Dave Grossman, an American author who has specialized in the study of the psychology of killing. Three other speakers also taught.

Guttau and Avis shared the following principles they learned at the Seminar:

"Our enemy is denial". "We want to believe that 'Faith protects us from harm.'" However, evil is part of life as was true for Job in the Bible. Every state has had a type of church crime. Church crime doesn't just happen on Sun. morning. Recent crimes in churches are causing people to ask to be protected. It was mentioned that there is an annual seminar for women in churches to learn protective measures.

"When a killer develops a process, his fear is not death, but failure." To the attacker a church

building is no more sacred than a nightclub, and possibly is more of a target. The crime triangle involves desire, ability and opportunity. Organizations can control opportunity.

Grossman's book, Assassination Generation, discusses the importance of downsizing time kids play video games. It was also suggested that there be no blue screens in the bedroom. Kids need to shut off their brain to sleep.

Establish standing operating procedures (SOPs) for security. Training is the # 1 principle. Team members can take turns doing security. Build a security team with your organization members using a team leader, medical response team, technical team, and protective team. Consider locking doors and monitoring entryway. One immediate action step for schools and churches could be to consider plastic bullet proof film over glass which stops/slows down penetration.

Questions that arose at the Optimist Club meeting were about insurance, sharing with church attendees, is hiring a police officer advised, when is a church too paranoid, considering legal aspects which requires training, and more.

Some recommended books: Evil Invades Sanctuary, Assassination Generation, and On Killing.

## Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, President conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on December 2, 2017. There were 16 members present plus ten guests. Gene Grell, charter member and first president was present. Also attending were Jordan Campbell, Tim James, John Swalvell, Doug Wehring, Michael Suglia, Ryan Avis, Bernadine Bickel, Scott Burrell and Roger Anderson. The meeting began with humor by Keith Denton and Judy Guttau followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Tim James, guest, won the 50/50 drawing, which he donated to the club. John Klein won the football contest. Heidi Lunn won the attendance prize but was not present to collect.

Kevin Underwood donated to the Youth Fund for the achievements of Bailey Anderson making the All City Volleyball Team. A donation was made for Gene Grell, first president of the Treynor Optimist Club. Dennis White contributed for his granddaughter's state dance competition division 1 win. John Klein shared the REV activity he attended and the announcement of a financial literacy grant awarded for which he applied. Judy Gutttau contributed for those two things.

Community activities announced were that Treynor was hosting a large 14 school wrestling tournament today. Also announced was that at Tuesday's game a \$25,000 grant from State Farm will be presented to the JOI Club for Keep Kids Alive.

Gary Gutttau gave a can kennel update- 1106 bottles and 24 total bags were collected for the Cub Scouts. Optimists helping were John K., Gary F. Gary G., Chad G. and Bill V.

#### **Calendar**

Tues., Dec. 5 – JOI club receives State Farm grant at basketball game

#### **Birthdays**

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood  
Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

#### **Anniversaries**

**Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau**

John Klein announced that the Financial Literacy program is seeking volunteer helpers with Junior Achievement in classrooms K-8<sup>th</sup> in Treynor.

Handmade thank you cards/letters were circulated from 5<sup>th</sup> graders for our monetary assistance with their field trip.

Mick Gutttau announced that the new Mayor of Treynor, Tom Lewis, will speak next week. The following week Kristy Waffle, TSPG, will speak regarding the wealth management program.

The meeting was adjourned and the Optimist creed was stated.

*Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs! Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on and donuts are served.*

#### **More Paraproductians:**

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up... we only learn how to act in public.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

#### **Programs**

December – Mick Gutttau  
January - John Klein  
February - Chad Gutttau

#### **Speakers**

Dec. 9 - Tom Lewis, new mayor of Treynor  
Dec. 16 – Kristi Waffle, TSPG, wealth management