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SPY speaks at Treynor Optimist Club

The St. Paul Youth (SPY), Treynor, spoke on Saturday, November 10 to the Treynor Optimist Club. Denise Wilson, youth leader, and teens Molly Griffin, Linnea Swalwell, and Hailee Poland spoke about their annual summer mission trip. They also were presented one of the largest checks on record from the Optimist can kennel - \$1334.85.

This past summer ten teens, two college kids and three adults traveled to Houston to participate in various opportunities. In the past they had participated with Youth Works, an organization that plans mission trips, but they chose this year to plan their own which allowed more flexibility.



Denise Wilson and youth from SPY receive check from Dale Willenborg.

Each morning the youth and leaders would meet for breakfast, share a devotional (written for this group) and meet to share and pray. At night the group would divide into small groups and discuss where they saw God working that day.

At the food shelter/second hand store at St. Vincent DePaul, they experienced long lines of people, who knew little English waiting for donations of food. Using shopping carts, the 15 volunteers were able to match the people with all types of food, fresh produce and other. In four hours 500 families received carts of food.

SPY had prepared prayer crosses and were led to give them to people when their hearts were touched. Interesting stories were shared about the impact of this.

They also helped one lady whose house had experienced damage from Hurricane Harvey. They prepared dry wall and painted walls.

Project CURE was also a meaningful mission. Because of the hurricane many medical surgical supply kits were damaged and the youth sorted through these kits salvaging what could be sent to Kenya. It opened the youths' eyes to waste that can't be used here because of laws but can still be used to help others.

At Oaks, OK Mission, the oldest Christian mission which still has its original mission of serving Native Americans, they ate with the kids, played games, and gave them tie blankets. Since returning home, SPY has made more blankets and sent them with Rick and Sonya Morton who were headed that way. Efforts will continue to stay connected with this mission.

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present plus seven guests, Denise Wilson, Aubrey Anderson, Molly Griffin, Karen Swalwell, Linnea Swalwell, Hailee Poland, and Jamie Poland. Keith Denton, Chad Guttau, Gary Funkhouser and Dale Willenborg shared jokes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 award and Kirk Vorthmann won the attendance drawing but was not present. Judy Guttau won the Football Contest. Molly Griffin's birthday was observed. There were no anniversaries.

For bragging rights, Kevin and Marsha Underwood donated for Bailey White making 2nd team in the Hawkeye conference in volleyball. They also contributed for Treynor's strong performance in volleyball at state as did Dale Willenborg. Denise Wilson contributed to

announce the birth of her first grandson, Wyatt. Gary Gutttau also contributed for returning from his hospital stay for his arm and for no hurricanes, forest fires, or global warming. Keith Denton donated to reflect on a good past TS Bank meeting remembering one speaker, who was a Forrester, stating that the only trees that are taken are those than need harvesting.



L-R: Karen Swalwell, Dale Willenborg

Under old business, Judy reported there are a few months remaining for 2019 for members to arrange speakers. John Klein reported that his preliminary pricing of ear plugs in bulk was \$.12/each if the group decides to use this as a fundraiser at the tractor pull.

The group was reminded about the Human Trafficking program at Silos this Wed. Pizza and cookies will be available at 5:30, with the program starting at 6. It is important to either sign up on Facebook or email JTWomen14@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Under new business, the can kennel sorting for the cub scouts will take place this Wed. at 3:30 pm. Gary Gutttau, Treasurer, announced there are a few checks yet to be distributed for the can kennel and for scholarships.

Karen Swalwell was present to receive a can kennel check of \$693.20 for the Girl Scouts. Her troop has seven middle school girls. The troop tries to be girl-led in service projects, assisted by herself and the co-leader Jamie Greg. They were involved with Socktober. The elementary kids collected over 6000 pairs of socks to donate. Other projects to donate to were the Lutheran Church winter drive, the community food pantry, and the animal shelter.

Swalwell shared that the Girl Scouts organization has banded with Bass Pro in offering more outdoor activities for the girls.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

More Thanksgiving Jokes for your Kids or Grandkids:

- **Why did the turkey cross the road? It was the chicken's day off!**
- **Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building? Yes, a building can't jump at all.**
- **What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy, I'm stuffed!**

Calendar

- Nov 14 Human Trafficking Program at Silo's
- Nov 14 Can kennel sorting for Cub Scouts
- Nov 28 Can kennel sorting for Cub Scouts

Birthdays

- Nov. 18 Diane Willenborg

Anniversaries

Programs

- November Keith Denton
- December Kirk Vorthmann

Speakers

- Nov 17 Jean Stephens – Hope Net

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