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Phil Waggoner Shares

Phil Waggoner spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on June 1, 2019 at Zion Congregational Church. He shared his testimony and mission work with children.



Phil moved to Treynor 45 years ago. His family moved often while he grew up and he didn't like school. His mom was an optimist and was confident and hopeful about the future. His mom took the kids to church. At age 12 a picture at church of

Jesus with a staff, a lamb and a child made him feel he needed to be a preacher. However, from age 15-34, he chose not to go to church. He felt Jesus loved him, but still he felt unworthy, which was built into him as a kid.

As an adult Phil tried farming and then was a hired man in Malvern for Gordon and Mable Axtel. Through them, he eventually became a believer. He met Mike Kalstrup and Jeff Danker and he fell in love with Treynor and his future wife Jan, who he has been married to for 42 years.

Phil felt led to do something for kids. He learned to use fast moving puppets and attended training at Tulsa, OK. He became an ordained and licensed pastor. He served as the Children's Ministry Pastor for many years at Fellowship Church. He has been involved in mission work in India, West Africa, and Haiti and shared the frustrations and opportunities to minister in those areas.

Phil is Vice Chairman of the SW Iowa Child Evangelism Fellowship Board and shared information about the work being done to develop Good News Clubs in the area schools and 5 day summer clubs in communities for boys and girls. More volunteers are needed to help with these clubs.

Phil is a school bus driver for the Treynor Community Schools and considers it a ministry to get to know and relate to the children who ride his bus on his regular

route as well as for special sports and activity trips. Driving a bus is a big responsibility and he is very careful to check all of the mirrors checking for the kids' safety getting on and departing the bus. A big concern is people who run bus lights at four of his stops on Highway 6.

Waggoner stated that in the world and even locally there are kids who do not know who Jesus is. He has a heart for children and sharing Jesus and hope with children.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at Zion Congregational Church today. Fourteen members were present plus two guests, Phil Waggoner and Steve Gregory. Breakfast pizza and drink was provided by Jordan Campbell. Thanks, Jordan!

Jokes were shared by Ken Graham, Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Dale Willenborg followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Marsha Underwood and the Attendance Drawing was won by Judy Guttai, who was not present so it will continue to grow. No birthdays or anniversaries were observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Gary Funkhouser for the baseball and softball wins over IKM and the girls' soccer team playing Monday night against St. Albert for the opportunity to go to state. 2) John Klein donated because Michael Stinman, Elementary Music Teacher was named as a Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Awardee for 2019. He receives \$10,000 and the school receives \$2500 for his hard work and dedication, 3) Keith Denton announced their kitchen remodeling is almost done!

Community News:

Old Business:

Gary Guttai stated there were 36 bags of cans, 16 bags of plastic, and 1515 bottles, the latter being the most ever in the can kennel sorting for SPY.

New Business:

It was announced that the Treynor Garden still has spots available for \$15 each.

ISU will present recommendations from the study that took place with citizens this winter at a meeting this Wed, June 12 from 4-7 PM at the Treynor Community Building.

John Klein announced the Omaha Street Percussion has been booked for Homecoming, Sept. 13. They will perform for the elementary school in Treynor in the morning, at the pep rally and also ride on a float for the Homecoming parade.

Klein also stated that he is still seeking funds for the ear plug project for the Westfair Arena events.

Flags will be put up for Flag Day with the Scouts help at 5 PM on Thurs, June 13 and picked up on Monday, June 17.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Thanks to Dee Gutttau for taking minutes.



Things you ought to know:

- There is a very fine line between 'hobby' and 'mental illness.'
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Never lick a steak knife.
- The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
- You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we put the clocks back.

Calendar

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| June 12 | Can Kennel – Time? |
| June 12 | ISU Citizens Mtg Followup – Treynor Community Building 4-7 PM |
| June 13 | Put up flags – 5 PM |
| June 14 | Flag Day |
| June 17 | Take down flags |
| June 29 | Treynor Days, Dedication of Helicopter |

Birthdays

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| June 16 | Dale Willenberg |
| June 20 | Jeff Jorgensen |

Anniversaries

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| June 5 | Steve & Debra Irvin |
| June 15 | Steve & Jeannie Chambers |
| June 28 | Mick & Judy Gutttau |
| June 29 | Dave & Linda Danker |

Programs

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| June | Mick Gutttau (first 3 weeks) Dennis White (June 22) |
| July | Dale Willenberg |

Speakers

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| June 8: | TBA |
| June 15: | Adam Magill, graduate study research |
| June 22: | Jennifer Morris, ABA Tree Service, "Emerald Ash Borer and other tree problems" |
| June 29: | Treynor Days, Meet, but no speaker?? |

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