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Metro Area Youth Foundation Program

A program about the Metro Area Youth Foundation, Inc. (MAYF) was presented to the Treynor Optimist Club on June 29, 2019 at the Treynor Community Building.



MAYF is comprised of volunteers from Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa Area Optimist Clubs. The primary project of the foundation is the Summer Bash to support children with cancer and their families. It is about providing the care and support families need at this difficult time in their child and family's life. MAYF provides a short-term financial bridge.

L-R: Brandy Valyer, mother of Brady Jorgensen, Ambassador

Sue Kinney Weiland, a Family Assistant Program Volunteer, introduced the program. She indicated that the Foundation can give \$1000 grants three times in a two year program to help families focus on the child and not the money they owe for mortgage payments, etc. because of the financial strain they may experience. A meeting with a social worker to determine need along with completing an application is the process.

Present also was Brady Jorgensen, the 2019 Summer Bash Ambassador, and his mother and grandmother. Brady, almost 13, attends school in Council Bluffs. He was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor when he was nine months old after noticing his left eye started twitching. 70% of the mass was removed, but within ten weeks, 60 percent of it had grown back. He then began 18 months of chemo. A few years later he had 13 months of chemotherapy and five years later he had six weeks of radiotherapy.

Brady's rare cancer has affected his optic nerve, resulting in total vision loss in one eye and great loss in the other. Although some activities are not possible

for him, he does play the drums, enjoys Chess, and does well in school.

There are camps for children with cancer, two of which are supported by Optimist Club International. Brady shared the great joy he has experienced at camp where all feel included and get to try new experiences.

To support this important cause, tickets can be purchased for \$125 to attend the Summer Bash on August 24 at 5:30 PM at Embassy Suites LaVista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, LaVista, NE. There will be food, drink and auctions. Checks may be made to MAYF and mailed to MAYF PO Box 540772, Omaha 68154. For more information, visit www.SummerBashforCCC.org. Reservations are due by August 16.

Walt Keast, Oakland, is an advocate and a volunteer who seeks corporate sponsors.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Thirteen members were present plus four guests, Sue Kinney Weiland, Teresa Valyer, Brandy Valyer, and Brady Jorgensen.

Jokes/stories were shared by Chad Guttau, Dee Guttau, and Dale Willenborg followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Kevin Underwood and the Attendance Drawing was won by Gary Funkhouser (over \$40). Mick and Judy Guttau's 51st anniversary was observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Dee Guttau shared that their family vacation to Alaska was very good, 2) Dale Willenborg announced that his oldest daughter, Carol, is expecting a baby girl, 3) Gary Guttau stated he ate a lot more bacon than usual on the cruise ship, 4) Jim Clausen praised Darrin Eitmann for pulling him home in Gary's pickup used for putting up flags, 5) Bill Vorthmann announced he and Ann had enjoyed a trip to San Antonio, 6) John Klein bragged on the SB and BB teams being WIC champions, 7) Gary Guttau praised Konnor Sudmann

for her achievements in softball as indicated on KMA Radio.

Community News:

Old Business:

New Business:

Can Kennel helpers for the Silver Creek Club were John Klein, Ken Graham, Gary Funkhouser. There will be an additional sorting in two weeks.

Flag helpers were Ken Graham, John Klein, Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton, Jim Clausen, Dennis White, and Patty Walters. (Thanks, Patty!) Flags will be picked up after July 4. Time to be announced.

The Hydrant Party is today at 3:00 – a perfect day for it. The city is not charging this time for the water usage. Bingo is from 2-3 PM. Helpers will be Dee Gutttau, Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Bill Vorthmann. Optimist Club flyers were prepared for tables during events today in the Community Building.

Dale Willenborg stated that Arlyn Norris will speak next week and he encouraged all to invite people who know Arlyn and would be interested in hearing about his life since he left Treynor and about his memoirs of caring for his wife, Wanda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Calendar

July 10 Can Kennel sorting

Birthdays

July 14 Gary Gutttau
July 23 Jerry Hempel
July 27 Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

July 14 Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen
July 25 Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Programs

July Dale Willenborg
August Jordan Campbell
Sept Gary Gutttau (first two)
Jerry Hempel (last two)

Speakers

July 6: Arlyn Norris
July 13: Tour of Dallas Johnson greenhouses, 2802 Twin City Dr, CB.

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Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575