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### Dani Floerchinger Speaks

Danielle Floerchinger, Treynor 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade school counselor, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on September 7, 2019. Dani and her husband, Alex Herrington, who teaches upper level science at Treynor High School have a 16 month old daughter, Reya.



Dani is a graduate of Northwestern College in Orange City in youth ministry and pursued her masters in school counseling at Wayne St. Her work experience includes three years at So Central Calhoun at Rockwell City and one year in the Red Oak school.

Programs that she will coordinate in Treynor are:

- 1) ACT Prep Course – registering all 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade students so that they can take practice tests.
- 2) Cadet Teaching – Having Seniors who have two study halls apply and help at the elementary.
- 3) MVP (Mentors in Violence Protection) – Working with Juniors and Seniors to mentor 9<sup>th</sup> graders about dating abuses and sexual assault violence.
- 4) ASVAB Exam (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery) – Arranging for all juniors to take this test which determines careers they could be interested in.
- 5) National Honor Society sponsor – finding community service projects for students, etc.
- 6) Teammates Mentoring (a new program) – finding adult community mentors to be matched with students.
- 7) Iowa Western College classes for students that the Treynor Board approves.
- 8) Scholarships – Helping students be aware.

Tasks include:

- 1) Teaching two classes daily for each quarter - one is for 6<sup>th</sup> graders about skills for transitioning to MS/HS. The other is for 8<sup>th</sup> graders about developing a 4-year high school plan.
- 2) Counseling students with problems.
- 3) New - Working individually with seniors three times a year to help them prepare for their future. (Sept, Jan, and Apr)
- 4) Helping high school students work through their plans.

Dani gave credit to her high school counselor, Mr. Steve Irvin, who helped her feel prepared for graduating and moving to the next step and she wants to do that with the students at Treynor High School.

Other topics discussed were: referring kids to mental health professionals, scholarships and the grading system, coaching on hold, and referrals.

Dani and her family live in Carson. She is looking forward to her 10 year reunion from Treynor High School. Her parents are Kent and Vicky Floerchinger and she is happy to be raising their daughter near family. Best wishes, Dani!

### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present. Dani Floerchinger was present as a guest.

Jokes/stories were shared by Gary Funkhouser. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Jim Clausen and the Attendance Drawing was won by Chuck Nielsen, who was not present.

No birthdays or anniversaries were observed.

**Bragging Rights** contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) Chad Guttau to show the coins and pin he received from Jon Jacobsen at the CB Library this week. 2) Kevin and Marsha Underwood for three plays of Carter White in the St. Albert/Treynor game. 3) Judy Guttau for Chad's honor given by Jon Jacobsen for being the eternal "Optimist" and servant in every context. 4) Gary Guttau for the good game Treynor played last night. 5) Keith Denton for the Minneapolis Moline Show at Carstens this weekend. 6) Judy Guttau for the new band uniform being revealed at the game. 7) Dee Guttau for Brock Fox sacking the quarterback last night. 8) Kevin and Marsha Underwood for their brother David surviving Dorian Hurricane. 9) John Klein to announce the Hopeville Music Reunion which he started 41 years ago is Sunday, Sept. 8. 10) Bill Vorthmann to announce for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary late Sept, the family was given a choice of going to the Honey Creek State Park Resort on (Rathbun Lake) or to

Disney and they chose the former! ☺ A great time was had by all and they all want to go back.

### Community News:

John Klein announced a block party on their street Sunday and gave credit to Zion Congregational Church and Jordan Campbell for making it so easy. They provide the grill, hot dogs, buns and invitation door hangers. There will also be a fire hydrant sprayer party for kids starting at 4:30 PM, 30 mins prior to the block party. He stated a block party will be happening on Lamar St. the following Sunday.

### Old Business:

John Klein stated that the Omaha Street Percussion will perform at the elementary starting at 10:30 AM on Friday, Homecoming Day, Sept. 13. In addition, they will play 15 mins. before and after the Pep Rally which starts at 1:00 PM at the football field. With thanks to the music boosters and Kevin Underwood and Greg Soloth, they will also perform on a float during the parade.

### New Business:

Those helping with can kennel on Wednesday were Bill Vorthmann and his grandson, Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Chad Gutttau, Keith Denton, John Klein, and Jim Clausen.

The next can kennel is for the football and basketball cheerleaders with the first sorting on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Flags will be taken down next Saturday after the meeting. Storage was discussed.

The Homecoming theme is "Pixar Movies". Kirk Vorthmann is working on the float. Others wanting to help are invited to come on Thursday to Kirk's house.

Dennis White announced that the dictionaries for the third graders are prepared with labels and are ready to be distributed on Friday. Helpers volunteered to begin at 9 AM. These are provided by Dictionary Project and the goal for that project is to get one to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the U.S. To date, 936 dictionaries have been given out in Treynor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

### Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Dale Willenborg. Board members present were Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, Jordan Campbell, Ken Graham, John Klein, and Judy Gutttau.

Business discussed:

The TS Community Foundation is becoming an affiliate of the PCCF (Pott Co. Community Foundation) which will allow them to offer all the benefits of being a Foundation in Iowa with the tax credits and endowment credits. A clean up of stagnant accounts is requested. The Optimists have a Treynor playground account with \$278.35. Options were discussed and a motion was made by Bill Vorthmann, seconded by Gary Gutttau to move the account funds to the Vision Treynor account in the Foundation for use in the new Treynor Recreational Complex. All voted aye.

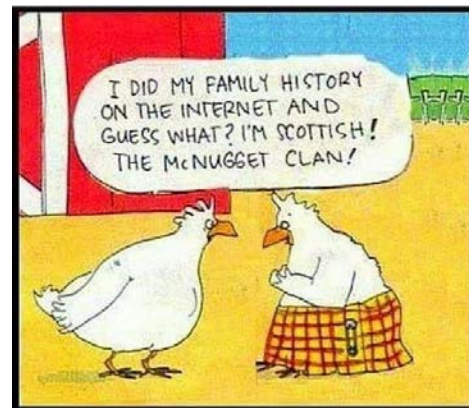
This is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treynor Optimists and it was decided to celebrate at a dinner at Silos at 6 PM on Monday, October 21. Spouses and the Lt. Governor and spouse will be invited. Everyone will pay individually. Bill Vorthmann will work on details with Silos and Dale Willenborg will be researching some other details. Judy Gutttau volunteered to help as needed.

Gary Gutttau stated financial information for the club is available on request.

After discussion about can kennel applications, a motion was made by Judy Gutttau, seconded by Bill Vorthmann to declare December 1 as the deadline for all applications and the decisions will then be made at a board meeting the first meeting following that date. The After Prom Committee is permanently assigned a 4-week period as is the Optimist Club to help with youth contributions. All voted aye.

The meeting concluded at 9:50 AM.

### HUMOR



### Calendar

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| Sept. 9  | Joint Zone 2&3 Meeting – 6:30 PM<br>Hoy-Kilnoski in CB                    |
| Sept. 13 | Treynor Homecoming  |
| Sept. 18 | Can Kennel Sorting. Time TBA  |
| Oct. 21  | 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for Treynor<br>Optimists, 6 PM, Silos |
| Dec. 1   | Deadline for Can Kennel Applications                                      |

**Birthdays**

Sept. 22 Dee Guttau

**Anniversaries**

Sept. 26 Bill and Ann Vorthmann

**Programs**

Sept Gary Guttau (first two)  
Jerry Hempel (last two)  
Oct Bill and Ann Vorthmann

**Speakers**

Sept. 14 To be announced

Sept. 21 Bryce and Kim Strohbehn – Christian  
Motorcycle Association

Sept. 28 To be announced

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