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Jeff Koenck Speaks

Jeff Koenck, Treynor 6th-12th Instructional Coach, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on September 14, 2019. Jeff has two young children, a daughter in 2nd grade and a four year old son. He was raised in Dennison.



Jeff is in his 5th year of teaching at Treynor. He first student taught here in 2007-08 under the tutelage of Mr. Owen and Mr. Beattie, which also gave him the opportunity to be a student coach. At Treynor he currently is the Student Council sponsor and is head coach for boys track. He has taught social studies and has coached volley ball and assisted with girls

basketball.

Today he shared about the TLC (Teacher leadership Compensation) program which has been in the school for four years. It is an effort to retain effective teachers, giving them leadership positions and helps enhance student learning. Contracts are issued separately for TLC, which is financed through a grant designed by the state and proudly endorsed by the Governor of Iowa. Kara Huisman is the coordinator for this effort. Examples of TLC activities is being a mentor teacher, a model teacher, a building leadership team leader, and more.

As an Instructional Coach Koenck works with teachers to earn their trust and together to select goals to work on which are student centered. This year he has four brand new teachers he is working with as well as first year experienced teachers in the school system. He works with them for two years.

Heidi Finnegan is the K-5th grade Instructional Coach. Huisman, Finnegan, and Koenck meet every Friday to share ideas

Koenck was an ISU graduate in psychology and sociology, then took time to travel and decide what he wanted to do. His parents then encouraged him to be a teacher and he got his credentials to do so.

Jeff is half finished with his Master's Degree in Administration, which he hopes to finish in two years. His only coaching at this time is boys track and has led the team to state every year. In 2018 Treynor boys track placed 5th. While his kids are small, he wants to focus on family as much as possible.

Bryce and Kim Strohbehn will speak about CMA (Christian Motorcycles Association) next week.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present. Dan Koenck, speaker, and Phil Waggoner were guests.

Jokes/stories were shared by Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, Judy Gutttau, and Gary Gutttau. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

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

John Klein's birthday was observed. No anniversaries were observed.

Ken Graham won the college Football Contest.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) Judy Gutttau donated because of the great homecoming and winning the game and also donated because of having family from out of state visiting. 2) Kevin White donated because Carter White's three plays in last night's game. 3) John Klein donated because of the successful reception of the Omaha Street Procession project for Homecoming. 4) Bill Vorthmann and Keith Denton contributed because of Kirk Vorthmann's persistence in finding a vehicle to pull the Optimist float (after two tractors not working, a pickup was cleaned up at the last minute.) It was suggested that maybe this was due to it being Fri, 13th. It was noted also that it was also a full harvest moon night and the two will not coincide again for another 100 years. 5) Gary Gutttau contributed because of the great Pep Rally and speech by Kaylie Christiansen. 6) Gary Gutttau and Dale Willenborg donated to announce the Sister City Program and they are both hosting Russians.

Community News:

Old Business:

Dennis White announced that Jordan Campbell, Bill Vorthmann, and he distributed dictionaries to the 3rd graders on Friday. It took about 15 mins. The kids were excited.

New Business:

The 35th Anniversary of our club will be on Monday, Oct. 21 at Silos at 6 PM.

Can Kennel for the football and basketball cheerleaders will be on Wednesday with a time to be announced. The Girl Scouts will come to receive their check in October.

Gary Gutttau will contact the resource center to see when cans will be picked up around the holidays. Jamie Poland is to be notified.

Dues are due - \$75. Teachers can join for a reduced rate.

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

Calendar

Sept. 18 Can Kennel Sorting. Time TBA
Oct. 21 35th Anniversary Dinner for Treynor Optimists, 6 PM, Silos
Dec. 1 Deadline for Can Kennel Applications

Birthdays

Sept. 16 John Klein
Sept. 22 Dee Gutttau

Anniversaries

Sept. 26 Bill and Ann Vorthmann

Programs

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

Speakers

Sept. 21 Bryce and Kim Strohbehn – Christian Motorcycle Association
Sept. 28 To be announced
Oct. 5 To be announced
Oct. 12 To be announced
Oct. 19 Kara Huisman – Softball season
Oct. 26 To be announced

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