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SPY Youth and Pastor Meyer Speak

Pastor Chuck Meyer and three youth from St. Paul Lutheran Church youth (SPY), Treynor, Iowa, spoke about their summer mission trip on Saturday, November 23 to the Optimists. The three youth were Kaylee Dykes, Jacob Kaeys and Delaney Waterman. The group also received their can kennel check of \$1402.60 for youth mission expenses.



L-R: Pastor Meyer, Jacob Kaeys, Kaylee Dykes, Delaney Waterman

A group of fifteen, which included four adults, traveled to Columbia, South Carolina to work on three major projects. One group worked on Miss O'Detta's house by installing insulation under the house, which had been ruined during the hurricane. Wearing Tyvex suits, masks, and goggles, they worked for two days. The weather was hot and humid, but they were touched by Miss O'Detta's gratitude as well as her wonderful homemade sausage brats which she made for them. Miss O'Detta was also touched by the prayer cross the group left with her and the fact that teens from Iowa would come to help!

Another group helped with Oscar and his project. Oscar used to be homeless and was about to jump off a bridge when a policeman stopped him, took him to lunch and chatted with him. As a result, Oscar made a change in his life. He now conducts a worship service in a park for others who are without hope. The group thought Oscar was a cool guy and helped clean out five U-Hauls of items that needed cleaning and reorganizing. He also was amazed that Iowa kids would come help do this job in such hot 95 degree weather. By the way, Oscar has tried to contact that police officer to no avail to thank him— couldn't even find his badge number!

The third group helped Miss Potts serve lunch to a large homeless group and made sack lunches – 300 and assisted her in other ways. They also took a tour to learn about the programs offered. The homeless who shelter there must abide by strict rules.

The group toured one of the older missions in town – the Oliver Gospel Mission est. in 1888 for men only. Because the SPY group had a large contention of females, they weren't able to serve there because the Mission didn't want female distractions. Men are referred there or just stop by.

Each day the group started with a devotion and breakfast. After volunteering, they gathered to discuss, pray, and have large group worship. One day they participated in a very contemporary church service and the other a very traditional worship service. They also enjoyed time at Myrtle Beach. What a great experience for these youth to serve!

Their youth leader, Denise Wilson, was unable to attend the Optimist Club meeting, but she is the one who leads and organizes the trips. It was hinted that they may try to work at an Indian Mission in Oaks, OK next year.

Next week Kayli Christensen, college grad from Treynor will speak. Join us from 8-9 AM at the Treynor Community Building. The coffee will be on!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Sixteen members were present and five guests, Pastor Chuck Meyer, Jacob Kaeys, Kaylee Dykes, and Delaney Waterman, and Dorothy Shamblen.

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

Bill Vorthmann presented new membership papers to Phil Waggoner and announced in his honor anyone who made a disparaging remark today about

Nebraska football would be charged 25 cents. Thus the fun began!! You had to be there to know!

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Jerry Hempel and the Attendance Drawing was won by Steve Irwin, but was not claimed.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

No birthdays were observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) John Klein for having a letter to the editor in the Nonpareil plus for recognizing a wonderful teacher who beat grammar into him! (We lost track of how many dollars John had to pay/actually paid especially since he won the Football contest too.) 2) Gary Gutttau to pass around a Montgomery Ward catalog and Riggs Beer Co. direct mail piece recently received.

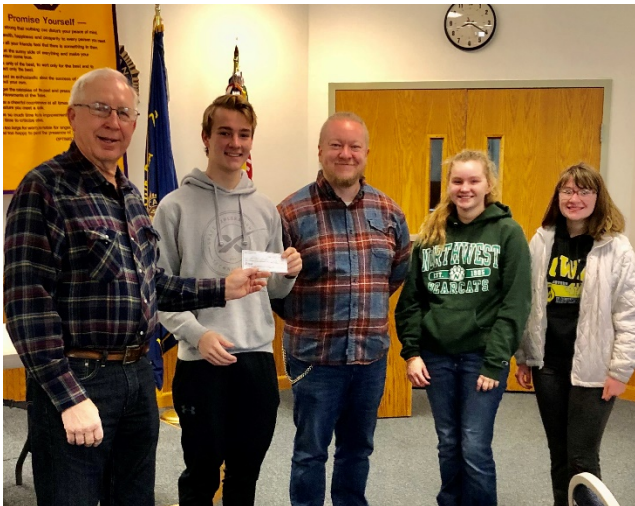
Community News:

The Legion Bingo Party for Sat., Nov. 16 starts at 6:30 PM.

Treynor Community Christmas for the public is from 4:30-7:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Treynor Community Building.

Gary Funkhouser announced JOII Club members are making baby blankets to donate.

Old Business:



L-R: Bill Vorthmann, Jacob Kaeyes, Pastor Chuck Meyer, Kaylee Dykes, and Delaney Waterman

The largest can kennel check was presented by Bill Vorthmann this year to SPY for \$1402.60 and received by the above group.

There was continued discussion about the Optimist Oratory and Essay Contests. Gary Funkhouser stated what two other clubs are doing. This will be discussed further at the Dec. 7 Board Meeting.

A flyer about the Griswold Optimist Club Christmas Party and Auction was again circulated.

Giving Tuesday, a national event, is Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Optimist Club will participate by having a non-perishable food collection from members at their meeting on Sat., Nov. 30, which will then be donated to the Treynor Food Pantry.

New Business:

John Klein won the football contest.

Gary Funkhouser was presented pictures in his honor as receiving the Optimist of the Year Award.

The Can Kennel to help the Cub Scouts will be Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

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

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Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!

Calendar

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| Nov. 26 | Cub Scout Can Kennel Sorting – 6:30 PM |
| Nov. 30 | Bring Food for the Treynor Food Pantry to help with Giving Tuesday (Dec. 3) |
| Dec. 1 | Deadline for Can Kennel Applications |
| Dec. 1 | Community Christmas Event 4:30-7:30 PM |
| Dec. 7 | Heroes Event – Palace Event Center |
| Dec. 7 | Board Meeting |
| Dec. 7 | Griswold Optimist Club Christmas Party And Auction |

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Nov. 25 Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Speakers

Nov. 30 Kayli Christensen, Treynor grad

Programs

Nov Judy Guttau (last two weeks)
Dec Jim Clausen
Jan Keith Denton

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