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Volleyball Coach Speaks

Kim Barents, head Volleyball Coach for one year at the Treynor Community Schools, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on March 9. A 1990 high school graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, she was a four sport athlete.



Coach Barents was also an athlete at Dakota Wesleyan where she received her secondary education degree. She has taught and coached at Omaha South and is now a PE teacher at Lewis Central Middle School. She has been a JV coach for 14 years. Barents has one son, who will graduate from college in May. He hopes to enter the police force.

Kim recounted the excitement of this year's team making it to state and playing Western Christian, even though the loss was disappointing. She has coached at Lewis Central, but to observe what happens with smaller communities and the whole town of Treynor being at a game at state was thrilling for her.

Barents gives lots of credit to Coach Lovely and her assistant coach for helping the girls develop strength and conditioning. Using a Vertimax definitely improves their vertical jump.

Kim supports athletes being in multi sports. She has mixed feelings about the possibility of changing conferences. Ultimately the goal is for the team to play to be challenged and they add to the program by playing various teams at weekend tournaments. When they play a team who is less challenging, she has the team run skill challenges such as serving to certain spots, trying different plays even though they may not do as well.

As a varsity coach in the off season she can only coach up through the 8th grade. She started a Momentum Volleyball Club in Treynor for 11-16 year olds, and she works with the younger girls.

Next year she will have 3 seniors and a number of sophomores and freshmen on the High School Volleyball team.

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present and three guests, Kim Barents, speaker, and Denise and Jacob Keays.

Dee Guttau and Judy Guttau shared jokes followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann won the 50/50 award and Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing. Ken Graham's birthday was observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: Marsha Underwood donated because of the Treynor Girls Basketball team winning at state and for Bailey White being named MVP for St. Albert Girls Basketball. Kevin White chipped in a dollar for the latter also as did Dale Willenborg.

Jim Clausen contributed for a great season for the Boys Basketball. Jordan Campbell contributed to announce the Men's Alumni Basketball tournament will be from 9-4 on Sat., March 16.

Bill Vorthmann contributed also for the Treynor Girls and Boys Basketball teams doing so well and because of the fundraiser in Atlantic for his sister, Lynnette, who has cancer. \$40,000 was raised. Gary Guttau donated for the Basketball teams and to state that Mick and Judy Guttau were honored at the American Red Cross Heroes of the Heartland event as honorary co-chm. Judy contributed also for this honor.

The Club was reminded that the Council Bluffs Optimists will celebrate 60 years on March 23.

Registration to attend the banquet is due March 11.

The Treynor After Prom Committee had representatives Denise Keays and her son, Jacob receive the can kennel check for \$826.60. The theme this year is Fire & Ice. Many fun activities are planned at the school. The Prom dinner will be at the Palace Barn with Silos providing a meal at a discount price of \$10 each. The Junior class has 60 students with 15 being girls and 45 being boys.



L-R: Jacob Keays, Denise Keays, Dale Willenborg

Next week the Silver Keg Feeders will be present to receive their check and will provide breakfast for the group.

Gary Funkhouser reminded the group of the Pops Concert this Tuesday, March 12 starting at 5:30 in the West Gym at the Treynor High School. A lasagna dinner will be served for \$8. There will be great music and some surprise "celebrities".

John Klein announced that he has nominated Mr. Michael Stinman, Elementary Music Teacher and 7th grade Jazz Band Director for the Charles Lakin Teaching Award. Please go to www.kmaland.com (click on Community tab) to support Mr. Michael Stinman with your nomination and recommendation. (Editor's note: This really makes a big difference in who gets selected!!) It will only take you a few minutes.

John Klein also announced that Monday night is the Night at the Arts at the Elementary School from 6:30-8:00.

John Klein stated that he, Mick Gutttau, and Jacob Keays are part of the Treynor Visioning Steering

Committee and on Sat., March 30 there will be four sessions at St. Paul Lutheran Church providing an opportunity for anyone who travels on Treynor streets to give input about access, etc. Iowa State University will facilitate the sessions.

9 AM – Older Adults

10 AM – Mobility impaired

11 AM – Active Adults

12 PM – Parents with children

Optimists, do let John know if you plan to attend; however, you can also just come.

Gary Funkhouser stated that at this Monday's Treynor School Board Meeting there will be discussion about the school possibly joining the Hawkeye Ten Conference.

Chad Gutttau announced next week's speaker is Tony Tauke and on March 23 the Buckingham's will speak about the Palace Barn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

Notes from Treynor Optimist Board Meeting

Bill Vorthmann, Dale Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, Judy Gutttau, Dee Gutttau met as a Board with Chad Gutttau and John Klein also present to make requests.

John Klein had sent info earlier about a possible service and/or fundraiser project for the Treynor Optimists: Making earplugs available at WestFair for four nights of noisy arena events.

A motion was made by Dale Willenborg, seconded by Bill Vorthmann to seek a grant of \$250 from Trivent and give \$100 from the Treynor Optimist Club to provide earplugs at the Arena Entrance (upon WestFair approval) as a service project to kids and adults at the events. The earplugs cost \$.11 each. All voted aye. Volunteers will be needed during WestFair to make these available.

It was decided by consensus to give info to the high school golf coaches about the Optimist International Iowa Golf Championship and to provide \$100 if a student is interested.

John Klein requested that the Optimist Club meeting end by 8:50 AM on Sat., March 30 to

allow time for anyone wanting to attend the "Treydor Visioning" sessions at St. Paul Lutheran, starting at 9 AM. The group approved.

Chad Gutttau requested a donation for the YMCA fundraising program that he helps with. A motion was made by Bill Vorthmann, seconded by Dee Gutttau to approve \$100. All voted aye.

Gary Gutttau provided Treydor Optimist financials for anyone to review.

There are two kennel openings for 2019 and those will be decided on at a later day. The hope is there will be some more applications.

The group dismissed at 9:38 AM.

Corrections to Dan Harbeke's talk last week about Google

PlayStore, not AdSense, is one of the eight products with over a billion users.

The Grow with Google library tour will be stopping at various libraries in Iowa, including Council Bluffs, in April to help teach digital skills to students, job seekers and educators and will provide additional resources to equip them to continue providing training. I would strike sentence on legislators.

An Impact Challenge will also be announced in April to provide resources for non-profit organizations from across the state.

BLink is a free community WiFi program in Council Bluffs, and not the name of another program. We have provided grants to non-profits in addition to supporting and helping create BLink, which is one of the largest free community WiFi projects in the country.



**Last snowman cartoon, I promise!
Spring is coming; I'm an Optimist!**

Calendar

- Mar. 12 Pops Concert & Lasagna Dinner
High School West Gym starting at 5:30
- Mar. 15 Grade K,1,2 After School Dance
Elem Gym. 3:30 – 5 PM
- Mar. 16 Treydor Alumni Basketball Tournament
9AM – 4PM High School West Gym
- Mar. 23 CB Optimist Club 60th Anniv plus Opt. Intn
Pres. Visit plus Awards. Exec. Mtg at 3 PM
Dinner at 6:45 PM
- Mar. 30 Safety Capstone Public Meeting (Treydor
Visioning Group)
- Apr. 6 Safety Capstone Public Meeting (Treydor
Visioning Group)
- Apr. 6 Treydor Athletic Booster Bash
- Apr. 28 Optimist Youth Appreciation Event

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

- March Chad Gutttau
- April John Klein
- May Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

- March 16 Tony Tauke, Pott Co. Foundation
- March 23 Buckingham's – Palace Barn

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