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Phil Kennedy Speaks

Phil Kennedy, Treynor Head Wrestling Coach, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, March 7. Phil is married to Jodi Leaders and has two children, Aiden, 16 and Ava, 13. He is an Underwood native, Jodi was raised at Tri-Center. He stated an Eagle crossed with a Trojan makes two Cardinals now.



Phil received an Education Degree from the University of Nebraska, moved to CB, taught for 8 years at Children's Square and received his Masters' in Special Ed (Behavioral Disorders). He helped coach football at AL and was an Ass't Wrestling Coach for many years

at TJ during the time of restoring their wrestling program.

Always interested in Law and Order and having three close friends in the field, in 2006 Phil shifted his career to become a DCI Agent and attended the State Police Academy. He was in the Major Crime Unit, but now is in the Enforcement Bureau, which allows him to have a better schedule to coach wrestling. He stated there are three agents in the CB area which cover SW Iowa.

Phil and Jodi bought a home in the Bent Tree area in August 2014. Their kids were given the choice of attending school in CB or in Treynor and being able to ride a bus sealed the deal for coming to Treynor! Phil had just stepped down from TJ coaching to be a sports dad when he was asked by Dean Leaders, a fellow high school wrestler at Underwood, to assist in Treynor. The day he started was the day of Tristan White's death. The wrestlers grabbed his heart and he was sold.

When the head coach left Treynor, Phil became the Varsity Coach. He stated it is a lot of work, time, and stress, but he wants to do right by the boys, the program, and the community. The program is being developed at the youth program level. In high school it has grown to 24 wrestlers this past year. His goal is to have a team qualify for state as well as have individual place holders at state.

Coach Kennedy discussed the skin situation that affected Brock Fox and Cory Coleman, the two Treynor state qualifiers, which caused them to have to cancel.

Kennedy promotes multi-sports and that college coaches look at what other sports an athlete is participating in. Girls wrestling is growing in the state/nation and Iowa now has a Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

Phil is looking forward to having more space resulting in more safety in the new wrestling room which will be ready in school year 2021-22.

Next week's program will be by Russ Maguire, long-time Treynor Fire Chief. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building. All are welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Seventeen members and one guest was present: Phil Kennedy.

Bill shared that on this day in 1876 Alexander Graham Bell was granted the patent for the telephone.

Jokes/stories were shared by Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton, Jordan Campbell, Dale Willenborg, and Bill Vorthmann.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Mick Gutttau, and the Attendance Drawing was won by Chad Gutttau (again)!

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Ken Graham provided donuts to observe his birthday. Thanks to Jim Clausen also for breakfast pizza.

We were glad the subject of Anniversaries came up to remind Keith Denton that his is tomorrow!

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

1) Phil Waggoner donated to state that 450 middle school and high school students spent the day at Open Door Mission in Omaha doing community service work. There was tv coverage and many man hours were performed by the students from cleaning the garden, making meals, care kits, and playing with kids!

2) Judy Gutttau donated to state that Phil Waggoner had been recognized at the Treynor Wrestling Banquet for being an outstanding driver.

3) Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood contributed because the Treynor Boys Basketball Team are going to state.

4) John Klein saluted Jordan Campbell and Adam Magill for helping with the Cardinal Core Elementary dances. Friday was the grades 3-5 dance and approximately 100 attended and especially enjoyed trying karaoke. They also organized the dance for K-2 earlier with approximately 120 attending.

Community/School News:

Treynor Boys Basketball play Pella Christian at 6:30 Monday in Des Moines at the State Tournament.

The Legion Fish Fry is also Monday eve.

Sunday at 4:00 PM is a Send Off for the Boys Team.

The Pops Concert at the High School has been postponed until March 19.

March 10 is the Elementary/Jr. High Honor Choir Contest.

March 17 is the Second Grade Concert.

March 20-21 is the Jazz Choir Contest in Underwood.

April 7 is the State Iowa Jazz Competition. Treynor Jazz Band (all male) won Regional and will compete.

Clocks are to be set back this evening.

Old Business:

Mulch Madness will take place this year at the Monday, April 6. Meet at the High School Football parking lot at 1:15 PM. This is the Optimists' annual project of helping 5th grade students plant trees and learn the technique and the value of this project.

New Business:

Can Kennel helpers for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club were Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, and Bill Vorthmann plus 30 4-Hers. Gary reported there were 30 bags of cans, 23 bags of plastics and 1082 glass bottles.

Keith inquired about pop can tabs that were spoken about. 1500 tabs will provide for a wheelchair through the Shriners Hospital. How we can help will be discussed at the Board Meeting today.

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

Board Meeting

President Bill Vorthmann presided during the Board Meeting today. Also present: Gary Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, and Judy Gutttau.

There was discussion about encouraging the community to remove tabs from cans to help purchase wheel chairs for kids through the Shriners. Dale Willenborg will prepare a marked container at the can kennel encouraging can donors to place their tabs there.

The school counselor indicated there would not be anyone attending HOBI this year.

A motion was made by Dale, seconded by Judy to approve a donation of \$100 to the YMCA Strong Kids program. All voted aye.

There were no can kennel applications at this time. All time slots are filled for 2020.

It was determined the book presented by our speaker from Children's Square will be donated to the school library.

Financials were presented for review.

The Fundraiser in conjunction with McMullen Ford was discussed briefly. The location during Treynor Days is pending a decision by the Legion. Keith Denton is chairing the fundraiser and will be asked to report at a future time.

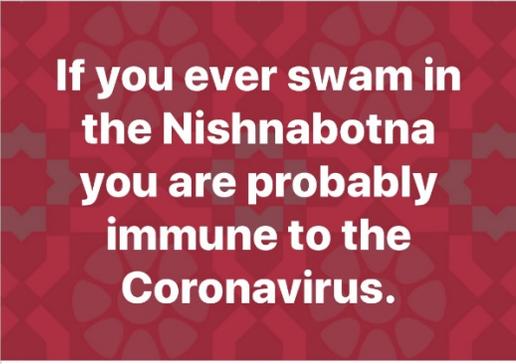
Gary Funkhouser has been informed of additional information needed by Dale Robertson regarding the Oratory Contest winner. The Zone contest will be on March 21 at the Underwood Middle School. There are three contestants from the Zone.

The Youth Appreciation Event will be held April 26.

Judy Gutttau will pursue getting the Optimist Club back on Facebook.

The school will send out scholarship applications this spring when completed for the Optimists to select their winners.

Humor



**If you ever swam in
the Nishnabotna
you are probably
immune to the
Coronavirus.**

Calendar

Mar 21	Zone Oratory Contest - Underwood
April 26	Optimist Youth Appreciation – 3:30 PM

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

Mar.	Gary Gutttau
Apr.	Jeff Jorgensen (first two) Matt Saar (last two)

Speakers

Mar. 14	Russ Maguire, long-time Fire Chief
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Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575