



Mar. 14, 2020

Vol. 36 No. 11

Russ Maguire Speaks

Russ Maguire, 25-year Fire Chief and long-time Fireman, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, March 14. Russ recently retired as Fire Chief, but will continue in his volunteer work as a 33-year Fireman with the Treynor Fire Department.



August 5, 2019 marked the 80th anniversary of the Treynor Fire Department. Since 1939 there have been a total of five fire chiefs: Joe Karrer, Bill Bryant, John Butler, Russ Maguire, and new this year is Dan Roberts.

Russ shared that two years ago the department sold the last two trucks the

department had when he first started. The department is in good shape with their trucks. They were especially excited to purchase an extrication truck, worth \$600,000, for \$135,000. The ambulance was purchased in 2012 and a new one will be needed in 4-5 years.

The department has 22 members. At their low they had 16. On the Treynor volunteer department are four paramedics, four EMTs, a state trooper, four paid firemen from the metro area, a life flight nurse, and one who taught fire science. A big problem is handling day-time calls because not many firemen are located in town. To date, they have not missed any calls. Mutual aid is an important part in helping the small departments in the area.

The annual budget is \$160-165,000/year. They cover four townships and receive \$95,000. Donations and memorials bring in \$10,000. Homeowners insurance pays back on ambulance calls and that brings in \$25,000. An annual grant from IA West brings in \$10,000 per year but not for rolling stock.

In 2019 there were 130 calls. The high has been 180. 75% of calls are medical. Currently the

burn ban is still on, but you can burn in a barrel with a grated cover. A call to Pott Co. Non-Emergency to report you are going to burn an area is appreciated and can prevent unnecessary runs by fire departments.

Russ described the protocol now with the concern for Covid-19. Gloves, mask, goggles, and a Tyvek suit are available. For medical calls, the dispatcher now asks more information of the person calling about travel and symptoms.

Maguire also stated that the cost of SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) is \$3500 for each fireman. Carcinogens are an issue and the process of cleaning was described. Some larger active departments have a large container for decontaminating.

Next week's program will be by Jon Jacobsen, Iowa Legislator. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building. All are welcome! Rolls will be served.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Thirteen members and one guest was present: Russ Maguire.

Bill shared that on this day in 1950 the FBI posted its first Ten Most Wanted List, which has helped to capture 150. The first one was Thomas James Holder and #523 is Eugene Palmer. Gary Guttau stated today also is the anniversary for Women's Suffrage.

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

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Gary Funkhouser, and the Attendance Drawing was won by Dale Willenborg.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

1) Judy Guttau, Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, Gary Guttau and Bill Vorthmann all contributed for the great season for the Treynor Boys Basketball team and with them ending up fourth in the state tournament.

Community/School News:

There are some cancellations so it is important to get timely news by checking the school calendar.

At this point John Klein and his wife are planning to travel to Ankeny on April 2 to receive the Forrestry Award presented to our club.

The Oratory Zone Contest is planned for March 28.

Old Business:

Mulch Madness will take place this year at the Monday, April 6. Meet at the High School Football parking lot at 1:00 PM. This is the Optimists' annual project of helping 5th grade students plant trees and learn the technique and the value of this project.

April 4 is the Elderly Fraud Prevention meeting which the JTW and Optimist Club are co-hosting after our Optimist meeting that morning.

April 24 is the Treynor Optimist Youth Appreciation Event at 3:30 PM.

The history book presented to our club by Children's Square will be circulated among members before placing at the school library.

The McMullen Ford fundraiser location was discussed during Treynor Days. Dan McMullen will attend our meeting when it gets closer to that time to discuss further details.

Bill Vorthmann stated that Dale Willenborg is preparing a container for pop top tabs to be hooked onto the can kennel. Bill is checking further on the number of tabs needed to purchase a wheel chair.

Bill reported on the YMCA donation and that there will not be anyone attending HOBY this year.

New Business:

The next can kennel sorting will be at 2:15 PM Wednesday. Gary Guttau stated the Recycling Center will not be picking up cans until further notified. It was decided to continue sorting cans with groups and Kirk Vorthmann will arrange for storing cans at this time. Gary will check to see if only pick-up is being curtailed or if we can deliver them to the center.

Dale Willenborg discussed the possibility of offering patrons who purchase flags the ability to pay online. It was decided to postpone this decision for a year.

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

Humor on a T



Calendar

Mar 28	Zone Oratory Contest – Underwood
April 4	Elderly Fraud Prevention meeting
April 6	Mulch Madness – 1:00 Football parking lot
April 26	Optimist Youth Appreciation – 3:30 PM

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

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

Speakers

Mar. 21	Jon Jacobsen, Iowa Legislator
Mar. 28	Michael Holton, new City Manager

Judy Guttau, judy.guttau@tsbg.com, 402-670-4330

Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575