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Starlyn Perdue from IWCC speaks

Starlyn Perdue spoke today about her job at Iowa Western Community College helping companies with their workforce training.



Starlyn graduated from Riverside in 2000 and received a Presidential Scholarship to attend IWCC where she received her Associates Degree and then transferred to Bellevue

L-R: Starlyn Perdue, Chad Guttau

University and received her BS in Sociology. She then sought employment at IWCC where she has worked for 15 years. Her first two years were in Continuing Education, developing programs to help people to become better in their careers. She then transferred to the Economic Development Department.

Iowa Western applies to have funds through Debbie Durham, Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, and this is then infiltrated into the seven county region. IWCC helps companies with workforce training. Some businesses she works with are Conductix in Harlan, which produces rail and wire systems used at Disney, Plastic Professionals in Atlantic, which produces the large plastic feet used in Disney characters as well as Yeti coolers, Tommy Gates in Woodbine, which produces hydraulic liftgates, Pella Windows in Shenandoah. IWCC then puts together a training plan. The state provides funds to offset that cost and the companies train the employees to help keep them there and in the local community.

IWCC can help with new jobs programs through their 260E program. A company can add new positions and can raise training funds through a bond sale which is paid for by their state

withholding tax. It will pay for 100% of the training costs. It is a win-win because it is using the company's taxes for training. Small shops or larger companies can utilize this service.

Starlyn spoke about other work force educational opportunities at IWCC: TradeWorks (Gary Funkhouser indicated three Treynor students are enrolled next year.) The SEAM program at the Clarinda hub. She indicated the new Dr. Dan Kinney (son of the former President) has a passion for the hub campuses: Harlan, Atlantic, Shenandoah, and Clarinda. Clarinda was the original started in 1966. The CB campus was started in 1967. She is serving on a task force for further development of the hub campuses.

Other topics discussed were: Land use on the CB campus, sports, credit transfers to universities and enrollment trends.

Travis Castle, Vision Treynor, will speak next Saturday.

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, Vice President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 15 members and 3 guests, Starlyn Purdue, Jenny and Keelea Navara.

Jordan Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser and Jordan Campbell provided humor. Dennis White won the 50/50 drawing again. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing but was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversary: None.

Jordan Campbell shared that on this day Spike Lee turned 63, The Sting is 61. Dee Guttau stated her brother Ted celebrates today as an equinox baby.

Jordan also shared that on this day in 1965 Lyndon Johnson sent troops to AL to protect the Civil Rights March. That led to some reflections.

Community:

Jordan Campbell announced that St. Paul is hosting a free-will offering Take-Out Soup Fundraiser. You must pre-order by Mon. March 22 and pick up will be on Palm Sunday **March 28 between 8:30 AM-12:15 PM**. Soup choices will be chicken noodle, chili or loaded baked potato. The meal will include bread, relishes, and bars. Call St. Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor to pre-order. You can also order by commenting on St. Paul Treynor Facebook page or by emailing lutheranchurchspl@gmail.com

The funds raised will be shared between the Igumbilo Girls School in Tanzania and the new 3-stop lift for the church.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Jim Clausen donated because March Madness is here. Gary Gutttau contributed because their rental house is rented. Gary Funkhouser donated to announce that NW Missouri State won their first round in their BB tournament in an exciting 11 point come behind ending.

Old/New Business:

It was stated that there are 30 applications for the Treynor Optimist Scholarships. Gary Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Jordan Campbell will review. Gary Gutttau stated that there is sufficient flage money to give 10 scholarships, two of which will be determined by the JOI Club to members who have been most involved in the last 9 mos.



Pictured is the **Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club** helping to sort cans and bottles. They had 62 bags!

Gary Gutttau stated that he and Chad Gutttau took bottles to LE Smash in Omaha, where you have the opportunity to get rid of your frustrations by smashing bottles. They were paid 10 cents per bottle as opposed to the standard 5 cents. A motion was made by Jim Clausen, seconded by Dennis White (all voted aye) to pay the difference to Gary Gutttau and Bill Vorthmann for their transportation expenses in delivering recyclables to Atlantic.

Gary Gutttau announced that groups will now be encouraged to take their own glass bottles to Omaha.



L-R. Jordan Campbell, Jenny and Keelea Navara Jordan presented a check from the Optimist Can Kennel for \$933.95 to Jenny and Keelea Navara on behalf of the Treynor After Prom Committee.

Jenny stated everyone is excited to be able to have the Prom. The date is April 17. Dinner will be at the school with a dance at the Palace. The Post Prom Party is then hosted at the school by the Jr. Class Parents. Masks will be required and the theme will be Midnight Masquerade. There will be inflatables, a corn hole tournament, a hypnotist, and food. Each attendee will receive a t shirt and memento and there will be chances to win door prizes.



L-R: Jordan Campbell, John Klein

John Klein, representing Keep Kids Alive, received a check for \$840.30 from Jordan Campbell on behalf of the Optimist Can Kennel. John stated this fall the plan is to host another

mock crash. The last time was in 2017. The highway patrol and fire department will be involved.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR

To the Pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the Optimist, the glass is half full. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Calendar

Mar. 31 Can Kennel

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

March Chad Guttau
April Phil Waggoner (first two)
Open (last two)
May Steve Irwin (first two)
Dale Willenborg (last two)

Speakers

March 27 Travis Castle, Vision Treynor
April 3 Joe Chapman, Cattle Drive & Treynor
HS Girls BB Coach
April 10 Lisa Fox, Fox Creek Grant Writing

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