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SPEAKER

Due to illness, our speaker was unable to come today.

Mr. Jeff Schoening, Band Director and Mrs. Jill Davis, HS/MS Vocal Music Director, and her son, Michael, were present from the music department to receive the Music Boosters can kennel check and were given extra time to share.



L-R: Jill Davis, Jeff Schoening, Michael Davis, Dale Willenborg

The money will be used to benefit many music programs, scholarships (each senior receives a \$100 scholarship), the Chicago trip in 2022, and bowling night for this year's seniors at Minden.

There are 250-260 kids K-12 in the program including concert band, marching band, jazz band, jazz choir, all choirs and theater.

Yesterday the big move happened into the new facility with the students helping. There is still some finish work to be completed. The instructors feel there will be great response by the kids and by all to this beautiful new building.

Mr. Stinman, the elementary instructor, always has great projects to teach rhythm and music to the students: ukuleles, bells, drums. This year he has used scarves and utilized pool noodles for social distance folk dancing. During Covid he has gone to the students' classrooms to instruct, but they are now able to come his classroom.

When asked about the state marching band competition, Mr. Shoening stated the new facility took the warm up field space, which is needed to be a host. It will be seen if a suitable space can be found in the future.

The first event in the new auditorium will be the Parade of Stars on April 17. Speech night will then be

April 25 and May 5, Fine Arts Night. The new auditorium holds 549 people. On May22-23 the High School will perform the musical – Sister Act Jr. There are no limitations on who can attend.

When asked about students who want to play, but can't afford an instrument, Jeff stated he will find an instrument for any child that wants to play. Many instruments are donated to the band each year.

The subject of clarinets was raised. He stated learning on a clarinet is complex and makes it easier to switch to a saxophone or flute rather than vice versa. Jeff stated the cornerstone of the band is the clarinet section as they can cover every part of the band.

Fundraisers for the music department have been Casey's pizza cards and the concession stand for spring activities. Due to COVID they weren't able to have the Pops Concert this year, which brings in good money.

There was no fall musical and not as many competitions for jazz band and choir. That makes it more challenging to keep the kids motivated.

The Chicago Trip was postponed last year, but the music department is making plans for next year. While in Chicago, the students attend a clinic at the College of Music, attend museums, and try to see the Blue Man Group perform. A lot is packed into three days.

Mr. Schoening has been in Treynor for 33 years, Mrs. Davis for 15 years. COVID has had its impact on the numbers of students participating, but it is hoped that will be built back up.

Michael Davis stated he is in Jazz Band, but vocal didn't work out this year because of his class schedule. He is finalizing his Eagle Scout project, which has been paint beautification at the fire station of parking lines and poles and he was assisted by 9 kids. He plans to attend the Naval Academy next year.

Jeff Schoening also announced some exciting news for himself. He will travel in January to march in the Rose Bowl Parade with a North American group of 300 band directors. Part of their fee goes toward paying for the float (which he joked might end up being used for hauling directors)!

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present

were 19 members and 3 guests, Michael Holton, Jeff Schoening, Mrs. Davis, Michael Davis. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Dennis White was recognized for providing donuts today.

Keith Denton provided humor. Jim Clausen won the 50/50 drawing. Linda Danker won the attendance drawing but was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversary: We celebrated Jim and Diane Clausen's 54th wedding anniversary.

Community: John Klein announced that Treynor will host a girls' track meet Monday night. It was also announced that their district track meet will also be in Treynor,

Kirk Vorthmann announced the St. Paul Lutheran Church Wedded Band group is hosting a carry-out-only Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 25 from 9AM – 12 PM. To reserve your meal contact the church office at 888-487-3880 or luthernchurchspl@gmail.com by April 20.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Jeff Schoening announced he is a grandpa again. His son Keith had a third son- Mack Schoening – 8 lbs, 10 oz.

Jim Clausen announced he will be a grandpa again – Justin is expecting his third!

Kevin Underwood (also Marsha) contributed to state that Carter White is undefeated in tennis at St. Albert.

Chad Gutttau contributed to share that he visited with former Governor Branstad in Des Moines this week, and also to share a Leadership Coin he received.

Jordan Campbell contributed because of the accomplishments of the Treynor track athletes this week and that Noah James had beat the school and conference record in the high jump at 6'9".

Judy Gutttau donated to state that Brock's first college football game against Central Missouri State University is next week and also to give accolades to Noah James. Their Son Josh is 5th in the line of high jump records now at 6'6" 26 years ago.

Steve Irwin contributed to congratulate Jeff Schoening on his new grandson and to tell about the friendly rivalry(and pranks) he has with Jeff regarding the Cubs and the Cardinals!

Old/New Business: Can Kennel sorting is Wednesday at 2 PM with the JOI Club.

Mulch Madness for the Optimists and Master Gardeners and the 5th grade students is planned for

April 30 at the Treynor Elementary. There will be 80 students so lots of adult help is needed. Gary Gutttau and Keith Denton will use their trailers to pick up mulch from the Recycling Center.

Auction: A small wooden drawer set with heart shaped knobs was provided by Gary Funkhouser for auction which was purchased by Jordan Campbell.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

BOARD MEETING

In attendance were Dale Willenborg, Jordan Campbell, Gary Gutttau, Ken Graham, Bill Vorthmann, Judy Gutttau, and John Klein. Dale led the discussion on the following items:

- Flyers about Flags. The first flag raising day will be May 29. It was determined to put out flyers at all homes early in May. Groups offering assistance were Zion Youth, Silver Keg 4-H Club and the Girls Basketball Team. Dale will check on the price of flyers vs card stock door hangers.
- Flag Price is established at \$40. 46 flags have been retired. 75 new flags are needed with an anticipated increase in homes displaying. Bill will try to contact Woodman World about possibly donating. There is a 3 year warranty on flags from Carrot Top, both light weight and heavy duty. The heavier ones have stayed brighter and stood up to the winds longer. Dale will put the date on new flags.
- Financials were shared by Gary Gutttau. There is \$12,511.85 in the bank. Based on last year's figures we can give out 14 \$500 scholarships to seniors, two of which JOI Club will select. A group of Dale Willenborg, Bill Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, and Jordan Campbell are determining the 12 winners and will turn in by the deadline of April 17.
- Hugh O'Brian – nothing has been heard about the status of this program.
- Can Kennel periods. Impact will take Aug. 19-Sept 1 for 2 weeks. Oct. 28 Keep Kids Alive will take for 2 weeks. The remaining spots will be held for further applications.
- There will be future discussion about doing something for the Vision Treynor Group.
- Bill Vorthmann discussed the status of other programs we have supported. John and Jordan will check further on swim lessons at Oakland. The Youth Appreciation Event will be postponed until next year, which Gary Funkhouser said he will lead. Mulch Madness led by John Klein is happening. John inquired about alternatives if the school doesn't pay for the mulch. Two were suggested.

Next year's Essay and Oratory Contest – a new leader will be needed from the club.

Apr 25 Irvin Saar
Apr 28 Gene Seran

HUMOR

Life is like a sandwich. Whatever you add to it, makes it better!

Anniversaries

Apr 7 Jim & Diane Clausen

Calendar

Apr 14 Can Kennel sorting
Apr 30 Mulch Madness – Treynor Elementary

Programs

April Open (last two)
May Steve Irwin (first two)
Dale Willenborg (last two)

Birthdays

Apr 20 Steve Chambers
Apr 24 Linda Danker

Speakers

April 17 To be announced
April 24 To be announced

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