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Steve Owens spoke



Steve Owens, former Treynor teacher and football coach, spoke to the Treynor Optimists. In recent years he has coached and taught at Plattsmouth, NE. Since Sept. 1. Owens is now the full-time Regional Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in the Omaha

area including SW Iowa. While coaching in Treynor, Owens helped lead the local Treynor FCA huddle group, started by Coach Randy Donahue a number of years ago.

Owens was approached five years ago by the FCA Regional Office to consider getting more involved with FCA at a higher level. The timing was not right then, but he and his wife, Bobbi, knew the Lord was tugging at their hearts. His position is similar to being a missionary and he will raise his own support.

The Vision for Fellowship of Christian Athletes is: "To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes". The Mission is: "To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church."

Owens stated FCA used to try to reach every huddle group and every athlete. About ten years ago the method changed to go through a coach(es) at the school. Coaches are often the most influential person in an athlete's life. Owens' job will be reaching out to coaches at the schools in this area. There are 66 schools in his district.

Coach Jeff Casey has agreed to be a leader for the Treynor FCA, but stated he would need help. A CST (Coaches Support Team) is being formed with 6-7 local couples agreeing to help.

Owens said his big thing will be to be a disciple to coaches, and demonstrating that being a disciple is really about pouring your life into somebody and building that relationship. The FCA 3Dimensional Coaches Training Method will

be used to help coaches become transformational by coaching players in all three dimensions (body, mind, heart) from a faith-based perspective. Owens said he wished he could have had this training earlier in his career. He said he would have done things a lot differently. He wants to speak life into coaches who will impact their athletes.

Steve announced an upcoming Legacy Banquet that anyone and everyone is invited to. It is FREE but is also a fundraising effort. The key speaker is Tommy Bowden, son of former coach Bobby Bowden. Bobby Bowden coached the Florida State Seminoles and died this summer. Tommy Bowden was head Coach at Clemson University and currently works as a commentator on FOX Sports. The event will be at CHI Health Center in Omaha, on 455 North 10th St. on Sunday, Oct. 17. There will also be testimonies shared by some high school coaches and athletes. You may contact Steve for more information at 712-310-8243 or sowens@fca.org

Next week's speaker will be Bryce Warner, Special Ed Teacher, who also leads the Treynor Fishing Club.

The public is invited to attend all meetings. The coffee is always on. Gary Funkhouser coins our club as "The best informed club in Treynor!"

"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans" John Lennon

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building on Sept. 18. Present were 18 members and one guest, Steve Owens. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer. Dale Willenborg, Gary Guttau, Keith Denton and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Steve Chambers won the 50/50 drawing. Kevin Underwood won the attendance drawing. Dee Guttau won the football contest. Gary Guttau won it last week.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Dee Guttau's birthday was celebrated today with her providing her homemade cinnamon rolls. Thank you! John Klein's birthday was also observed.

Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Steve Owens donated to state that his daughter Hannah is a special education teacher at Roosevelt in Council Bluffs.
- Kevin Underwood gave \$5 to thank Jim Chambers for the work involved in preparing the football contest. Kevin had substituted for Jim while he was gone and Kevin said it was hard work. Marsha Underwood and Keith Denton also donated.
- Chad Guttau stated he will help Zach Nunn campaign. He is running for the U.S. Representative from Iowa in our district.
- Talk turned to football contests. Gary Guttau announced he had been at the ISU/OK game in Norman during his Army days and ISU won.
- John Klein thanked the Zion Congregational Church for their helpfulness with the Block Party.
- Dale Willenborg stated his parents' 70th Anniversary celebration turned out great.

COMMUNITY:

BUSINESS:

It was reported there was lots of help taking down flags this week. Flags will be put up for fall holidays, weather permitting.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

BOARD MEETING:

The Treynor Optimist Board meeting was held after the regular meeting. Dale Willenborg, Bill Vorthmann, Gary Guttau, Jordan Campbell, and John Klein attended.

The Board voted to give the November 11-December 8 can kennel slot to the Cheerleaders. Sortings will be Nov. 24 and Dec. 8. In the past the football and basketball cheerleaders held this

slot, but the wrestling cheerleaders will be invited to join also. The Optimist Club will take the December 9-December 22 slot to raise funds for special projects, such as possibly funding a piece of play equipment for the Treynor Splash Pad. All organizations are requested to file applications for 2022. One application has already been received from the Music Boosters.

The Board is planning a NOW (New Optimists Welcome) meeting/dinner during a weekday in early November. The school calendar will be checked to avoid conflicts. Guests will be given a free meal. Optimists and their spouse or friend will be invited, but would pay for their meal. The meeting will be held at Silos or at the Community Building. Meal possibilities were discussed.

A Recognition Celebration event for late January was discussed. The purpose would be to have all non-profit organizations in Treynor nominate someone from their organization for recognition. An MC and a guest speaker were discussed as well as possible locations.

The Board voted to give Steve Owens \$100 to support his efforts in his new role with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and another \$50 to the leaders of the local FCA group.

The meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

How to find Kentucky on a map



Calendar

Events

Oct 4 Pot Luck sponsored by Riverside Club
Program: Child Safety

Birthdays

Sept 22 Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

Sept 24 Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs

Sept Shelly Bailey
Josh Guttau
Oct John Klein
Nov Jerry Hempel

Sept 25 Bryce Warner, Spec. Ed Teacher,
Started Fishing Club for kids
Oct 2 Tim Hamilton, CB Schools, E Sports
Oct 9 Candace Gregory, CEO, Open Door
Mission
Oct 16 Casey Baragary, Treynor Waste Water
Treatment Mgr – On-Site SEWER TOUR
Oct 23 Brenda Mainwaring, CEO, Iowa West
Foundation
Oct 30 Bob Keysor, Army Veteran of Treynor
Missile Base

Speakers

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