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Bryce Warner - Special Ed and Fishing Club



Bryce Warner, Treynor High School Special Education Teacher and Founder of the Treynor School Fishing Club, spoke to the Treynor Optimists. Warner also coaches Jr. High Football and Track.

Warner, who graduated from Woodbine HS and the University of Nebraska (Kearney) with a degree in Business, never wanted to be a teacher, but when he graduated he desperately needed a job. He started working with special needs youth and adults in an organization, and loved it. When he became the manager and had to focus primarily on paper work, he decided it was time to do what he really loved – work with the special education kids. He then pursued a special education degree.

Warner stated that he teaches low level special education in which kids need help in areas in which they are behind their peers. One example is a student's reading is below a level so he helps minimize that gap so the student no longer needs help. He said it's important to help students become independent and successful.

The first step is to determine what kind of learner the students are – visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Currently he is working with 18 high school students. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is developed for each student with a team, which besides the student, includes Warner, the parents, the principal, and the guidance counselor from the high school and AEA. The IEP also becomes a plan for transitioning a student to the next step after high school. The IEPs are reviewed annually based on progress toward their goals, but individual goal monitoring takes place every two weeks.

The Fishing Club was organized about five years ago because students came to Warner with the idea, knowing that he loves being in nature. 34 joined the first year. The goal is two-pronged: 1) create a joy of fishing and 2) learn how to be

good stewards of the land and care for the environment. Warner teaches “if you leave it better than it was, then we all end up with magical places in the world!” The club tries to do ice fishing as well as a fall tournament. Members are encouraged to get together to fish with their friends and family. The club meets during Card Pride once or twice a month. Some programs have been having the DNR talk, teaching fly fishing, and making a live bait cooler.

Two requests of the public: If you have a pond in the area and are willing to have good stewards fish or just catch and release, Warner would love to be contacted. If you have fishing equipment you want to donate, they will accept that as well. You may contact Warner through the Treynor High School.

Next week's speaker will be Tim Hamilton from CB Schools talking about E Sports.

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!”

“This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we only know what to do with it.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building on Sept. 18. Present were 14 members and four guests, Bryce Warner, Rachel Kinsella, Moran Beekhuizen, Payton Chapman.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer. Dale Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 drawing. John Klein won the attendance drawing. Jerry Hempel won the football contest.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bill and Ann Vorthmann's 52nd wedding anniversary was celebrated.

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

- Judy Guttau announced the birth of their new great grandson, Finnegan Michael Kizer.
- Kevin Underwood announced that Carter White was named homecoming king at St. Albert School. Marsha contributed too.
- Dale Willenborg announced Teammates in Treynor has been able to resume. He is meeting with a 12 year old boy.
- Gary Guttau donated because the Treynor football team won last night.

COMMUNITY:

BUSINESS:



L-R: Rachel Kinsella, Moran Beekhuisen, Payton Chapman, Dale Willenborg

Officers of our JOI (Junior Optimist International) Club were present to receive their can kennel check of \$1294. Rachel Kinsella is President, Payton Chapman is VP, and Moran Beekhuisen is Treasurer. (By the way, Rachel was homecoming queen and Payton was homecoming king.)

The JOI Club meets once a month. Projects include mulching, New Visions – Open Door Mission help, cookies for the troops, Trunk or Treat. The club has approximately 40-50 members with a good mix between grades.

Judy Guttau thanked John Klein for writing an article about our club reaching \$200,000 in can kennel proceeds which have been given to help

our youth in the community. Thank you, community for donating your redeemable cans and bottles. John has sent it to various media outlets including Optimist International. Judy has sent it to the school and the city.

Dale Willenborg reported on the Board meeting last week. Details were included in last week's newsletter. He stated the board approved giving \$100 to Steve Owens and \$50 to the local FCA.

John Klein stated a grant application has been sent to TS Bank for buying new flags.

Gary Guttau passed a letter from Richard and Fran Copeland, both doctors from Heath, TX, who sent a \$50 donation for flags as a memorial for Ken Koehler, former Treynor mayor.

Auction Items: Dee Guttau donated a basket of gourds and Bill Vorthmann won the bid. A donated book, The Russia Hoax, was purchased by Dale Willenborg. Gary Funkhouser donated a cup as part of our 50/50 raffle, which Judy Guttau won.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

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

Birthdays

Oct 17 Marsha Underwood
Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Oct.13 Dale & Dianne Willenborg

Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White

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

Programs

Oct John Klein
Nov Jerry Hempel

Speakers

Oct 2 Tim Hamilton, CB Schools, E Sports

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