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Brenda Mainwaring, IWF

Brenda Mainwaring became the CEO of Iowa West Foundation (IWF) in September, 2020. She is a Council Bluffs native and received her BS and Masters Degrees from the University of Iowa. She met her husband, Brian, while working for the CIA in DC.



In the 80's, Iowa allowed gaming, but the license had to be held by a non-profit organization, which locally was the Iowa West Racing Association. Iowa is unique in requiring contributions to the community from gambling proceeds. IWF is unique in that none of the other Iowa Casinos do like CB.

In the 90's Iowa authorized gaming on boats and so held the license. Greyhound racing was starting to end. IWF received the proceeds of the sale of Greyhound racing - \$130MM. The corpus was invested and has grown to \$400MM. The funds are contributed to CB/Pott Co. and 18 other counties, some of which are in Nebraska. 5% is given to the tune of \$15-20MM every year.

Community and economic development, human services and educational projects are primary projects supported by IWF.

Mainwaring said a lot of funds used to be given to E. Neb in the last ten years, but now the focus is to assist in the counties listed above with things that don't exist in the area or community. She stated they are figuring out how to best partner with rural counties, to cooperate and collaborate to help the community to be able to find if there are also other sources of funding. She stated they pay for consultants to help communities know who can qualify for Iowa and Federal grants and also help write the grants. She feels there are more public funds available first for communities and her desire is to have IWF help point the way.

Mainwaring said she also has the goal of getting money to recipients faster. They have a staff of 8, an Advisory Committee of 20, and a

Board of 18. Two members of the Board are from outside the CB zip codes and all have to be nominated. Terms are four three-year periods.

Questions discussed were about the MAC and the nearby retail areas, budgeting calculations, capacity building, sports wagering, and where E gaming money goes.

Next week's speaker will be Bob Keysor, Army Veteran of the Treynor Missile Base.

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!"

"Never surrender your dreams."

Jesse Jackson

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club President, called the meeting to order. Present were 15 members and guests, Brenda Mainwaring and Michael Holton.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Judy Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Ken Graham, Keith Denton, and Jim Clausen provided humor.

Gary Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Mick Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but was not present. Dee Gutttau won the football contest.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

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

- Judy Gutttau announced that she saw several Optimists at the excellent concert of Dailey & Vincent (blue grass & Gospel) at the Arts Center.
- Bill Vorthmann bragged on Gary, Dee, and Chad Gutttau giving pumpkins to the school.
- Dale Willenborg paid because his phone number is on the Community Building marquee.

- Jerry Hempel announced that tomorrow there would be a baby shower and a wedding shower in the same day for 2 different girls in the family.

COMMUNITY:

Chad discussed the Iowa legislative redistricting and that Jon Jacobsen under the latest proposed plan would lose Underwood.

Don't forget the "Terrifying Tour" at Zion Congregational Church in Treynor Oct. 28 from 6:30 – 9 PM and Oct. 30 from 6:30 – 10 PM. This is for adults and kids 10 and older. You can come just for the snacks and fellowship if you prefer. See the attached flyer. You must RSVP to book your time slot:

pastorjordancampbell@gmail.com or 712-310-1835. A free will donation can be made.

BUSINESS:

Reminder: Our club will host a NOW (New Optimists Welcome) meeting and pizza dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Silos at 7:00 PM. Be sure to let Dale know if you are planning to attend. It was decided to have the meal be free for all members and guests.

Dues are due.

Can Kennel sorting will be this Wednesday at 2:30 PM with the Boy Scouts. They stored their bottles during COVID and will bring those.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

- Oct 26 Treynor's NOW (New Optimists Welcome) dinner – 7 PM
- Oct. 28 & Oct. 30 Terrifying Tour

Birthdays

- Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Programs

- Oct John Klein
- Nov Jerry Hempel
- Dec Linda Danker (first two)
- Mick Gutttau (last two)

Speakers

- Oct 30 Bob Keysor, Army Veteran of Treynor Missile Base
- Nov 6 Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Coach
- Nov 13 Tony Leick, Investigator, Pott Co.
- Nov 20 Kara Huismann, Treynor Softball Coach
- Nov 27 Brad Bailey PGA Professional, 2012 Grad

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