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Treynor History Discussion

Bill Vorthmann led today's program by first sharing a quiz about general history. Some questions were: Where was the headlight switch located in 1940's cars? What was an empty RC cola bottle with holes in the cap used for? What gum was named after a game? What was the most dreaded disease in the 40's? What was the name of the princess on the Howdy Doody show?

Bill then shared information from his father's, Richard Vorthmann, files. One of the first early clubs in Treynor was the Lions Club, but it dissolved because the members felt too much money was asked for by international. Gary Gutttau commented that in '53 or '54, the local Lions' Club put on a banquet for the football team. Kiwanis Club was explored but it didn't take shape. The Town & Country Club was formed and was very active, hosting a 4-H Achievement show in Benny Volkens' yard as well as in a little park near the old school. Members built a tanker truck for the fire department and organized township trustees to be responsible for a community fire department for the town and surrounding area. This club filled old wells, hosted a minstrel show, and provided a lunch stand for T days.

Bill also shared history about school reorganization. In 1955 Supt. Obie Mann talked about the district needing to be enlarged. This move was promoted across the state. At the time Treynor Consolidated School had 16 sections of land. In the process country schools were closed. Early on, outside district students had to provide their own transportation. It was shared that Bonnie Miller used to ride his horse to meet the bus.

In the area Walnut had reorganized early. A committee representing area townships and at large was sent to learn from Walnut. This included Leonard Timm, George Schneider, Naomi Evans, Louie Fahrenkrog, Richard Vorthmann, and Obie Mann and two attorneys.

The committee also met with the legislature in Des Moines. Meetings were then held with the populace at the school and in homes. A petition to reorganize the District to Treynor Community School District was fielded to include 72 sections. The vote was taken: 499 to 40 – 92% approval.

Gary Funkhouser also shared some interesting history from the Treynor History Book. Here's a sampling: Keg Creek got its name from whiskey barrels. The Shortline Railroad cost \$300,000 and 5 farmers raised \$250,000 of that. It was narrow gauge and short lived as trucks took over hauling livestock and grain. Treynor was incorporated in 1905, but it was called various names prior to that: Eybergsville, Four Corners, and High Five (after a card game). The first post office located here was in 1900; the first doctor in 1888. Eggs cost 3 cents a doz, and the speed limit through town was 15mph.

It was an interesting discussion with tidbits of info and stories being added by members present.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were thirteen members (including 2 virtually).

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, and Keith Denton provided humor. Gary Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing and Jerry Hempel won the attendance drawing but was not present.

Birthdays: Gary Funkhouser's birthday was observed. Thank you to his wife, Julie, for preparing warm cinnamon rolls for the group.

Anniversaries: None

Can Kennel: The next sorting is this week on Wednesday after school. School is out at 2.

Business: Reminder: Again the Jr. Optimists postponed the "Souper Bowl" drive in Treynor due

to weather today and it will be held on Feb. 20. The food items will be contributed to the Treynor Food Bank. Optimists are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting next Saturday.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities) Kirk Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton paid because they and/or their spouse had gotten their first COVID -19 vaccine shot.

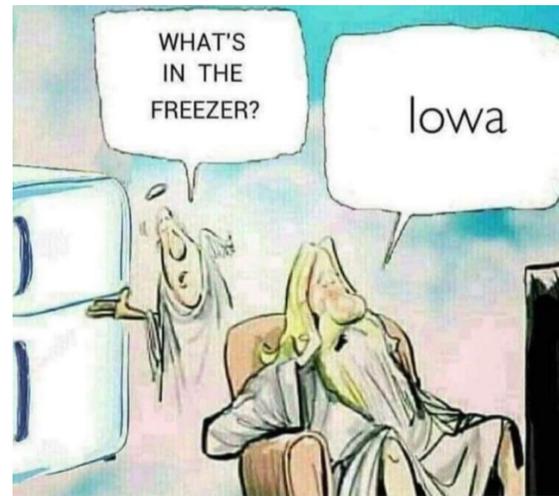
Dale shared that before going to Hawaii they had to have a negative test 72 hrs. prior to leaving. They travelled to DM to receive that.

Old/New Business: Gary Gutttau shared that the check for Shop with the Sheriff was returned and needs to be rewritten to run through the Pott Co. Community Foundation.

Auction Items: Dee Gutttau provided baked cookies and brownies and a card for anyone wanting to utilize for Valentines. This auction brought in \$23! Thanks, Dee.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

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Calendar

- Feb. 17 Can Kennel Sorting
- Feb. 20 JOI Club "Souper Bowl" Fund Drive: 10 AM - Noon

Birthdays

- Feb 13 Gary Funkhouser (observed today)

Anniversaries

Programs

- February Gary Funkhouser
- March Chad Gutttau
- April Phil Waggoner (first two)
Matt Saar (last two)

Speakers

- Feb. 20 TBA
- Feb. 27 Mark Hopkins, Treynor Superintendent

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