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Danny and Dan Kinsella Speak



Danny Kinsella, a sophomore at Treynor High School shared his 2nd place winning speech in the local Optimist Oratorical Contest. "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times"

was the theme students were to speak about. He spoke about Helen Kellar, Anne Frank, and Joan of Ark.

Danny's dad, Dan Kinsella, a community supporter, also spoke today about the Treynor Athletic Boosters. Dan and his wife Kari have a son and three daughters. Dan helps volunteer coach wrestling and soccer. He is employed by DeLoitte and practices risk management nationally and internationally.

Dan thanked the Optimists and this fantastic community that supports this district in so many ways. Dan attended school at Millard, and his wife was from Imogene and went to school at Shenandoah. They chose to live in Treynor because of the academics, athletics, farming and urban mix.

Several years ago the Athletic Boosters Club started asking questions about how to better raise money. At that time about \$20,000 was coming in through concessions. With the leadership of Candace Gregory, Mike Pryor and Greg Tiarks, a 501(c)3 was created and a group started putting more structure to the organization. Kinsella also got involved as well as others. There is now a formula used to determine how much goes to each of the sports programs and donations can be tax write offs. A small endowment has been started with the hopes that it will grow. 5 percent will be given each year and the corpus will stay intact.

There are five ways now that money is earned by the Treynor Athletic Boosters:

1. Memberships. They are working to improve benefits and to reach out to graduates.

2. The Golf Outing and it continues to grow.

3. Concessions. They are working to improve the many details of this.

4. Shirts/Christmas orders and miscellaneous.

5. The Bash – This annual light hearted event will be held April 2 and allows attendees to hear from coaches, develop comradery and supports the 21 programs, including cheer and dance. Only a few seats are left. The Bash nets \$50,000.

The school budgets for the basics, but it is a capped budget. In totality, the Treynor Athletic Boosters Club now nets \$75,000 per year for the sports programs to provide for advantage and opportunity for coaches and athletes. The Booster Club doesn't pay for tournaments. Individual sports groups may do extra fundraising on their own as well.

As a parent, Dan asked, "Are we spoiling the kids?" He stated how it was for most of us adults when we were youngsters. He also explained that sports are increasing at an exponential rate, and we want kids to be able to develop skills for life and coaches truly have a significant influence.

Dan shared a great story about a local student this year who didn't have great ability, but worked hard at wrestling and kept at it. The kids are encouraged to support all the others and when this student did win a match at the end of the season, he said the kids cheered so hard you would have thought the student had won the Super Bowl. He said it's not about winning and losing, but being there for each other.

Kinsella also discussed potential ideas for the Boosters for the future, stating he feels the best is yet to come. He also discussed that sports are changing dramatically to be more like the growing European Academy style (clubs). Like it or not, he stated it is changing by the minute, and it seems to be if students do not do that, they can't have as much success and unfortunately it does take away from school allegiance. He stated that he attended a youth wrestling tournament recently and saw kids doing moves he didn't learn until he was a senior in college.

We enjoyed your talks, Kinsellas!

Next week's speaker will be Cadence Quick with her 1st place Optimist Oratorical Speech and Mike Holton, City Manager

All are welcome!

Quote

"When life kicks you, let it kick you forward. "
E. Stanley Jones

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 16 members and guests Danny Kinsella, Dan Kinsella, Allison Black, Ella Ausdemore, and Makena Dobyms.

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

Trivia was shared by Ken Graham.

50/50 was won by Jim Clausen. Chad Gutttau won the Attendance Drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None



New Member: Kathy Luedke was received officially as a new member and received an Optimist pin and car decal.

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

- Judy Gutttau donated for the great ISU BB first round wins of the men and women's teams in the tournament.
- Jeff Jorgensen donated because he is now officially a candidate for County Supervisor.
- Dale Willenborg, Bill Vorthmann, Kirk Vorthmann, and Keith Denton contributed because of the great Pops Concert this week.
- Bill Vorthmann shared about the large wrestling banquet held at the Community Building Fri. night.

BUSINESS:



- Allison Black collected the \$1312.09 Can Kennel check for the Silver Creek Club from President Dale Willenborg. She said they have 20 members and use the funds to help with their community service projects,

providing dinners for Thanksgiving and the Food Pantry, cookies for First Responders, cards for the Oakland Manor nursing home, and for their fun events.

- Plaques and placemats for the Inaugural Optimist Volunteer Recognition Event were shared. The event is this evening, Saturday, March 19. 100 guests are expected with 17 organizations being recognized. The group will set up after the meeting. (P.S. The event was very successful and fun! Read the attached write-up, written by John Klein. Pictures of the awardees are also attached.)



- Cheerleaders (L-R) Makena Dobyms and Ella Ausdemore collected a Can Kennel Check for \$1154.90 today from President Dale Willenborg. The money will be used to buy new uniforms which cost approximately \$300 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- The Blood Drive will be at the High School on March 31. You can register online or by calling Ashlyn Vorthmann.
- Chad Gutttau stated he returned from Des Moines this week. A few bills were passed by the legislatures.

Jim Clausen received the auction item of 3 homemade cinnamon rolls for \$2.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

- Apr 2 Cub Scouts will be going door to door-Scouting for Food and will distribute the Optimist flag flyers. A few Optimists are needed as well.
- Apr 23 Student Kite Flying Day in Treynor at “The T”
- Apr 28 Mulch Madness
- May 7 Alternative day for Student Kite Flying

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

- Mar Gary Funkhouser
- Apr Chad Guttau
- May Dale Willenborg

Speakers

- Mar 26 Cadence Quick – Oratorical Speech, Mike Holton, City Manager
- Apr 2 Diane Hathaway, regarding a nursing home bill
- Apr 9 Tammy Sanfresco, Mosaic
- Apr 16 Matt Wilbur, County Attorney
- Apr 23 Jon Jacobsen, Legislator
- Apr 30 Senator Jon Carlon

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