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## Keith Christensen, School Board



Keith Christensen spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on July 16. Although involved in a variety of things, he spoke about the school.

The state laws have changed for open enrollment. Previously there was a March 1 deadline, but the deadline

has been eliminated. Families can also open enroll from non-adjointing districts. The state will use October 1 for the count for state reimbursement. The school also cannot require vaccines for students.

Senate bill 2266 increased the amount a person can earn while on IPERS from \$20,000 to \$50,000. This allows retired teachers and staff to substitute more. School board members can now earn \$20,000 instead of the previous \$6,000 while receiving IPERS retirement.

For COVID-19 relief, para-educators were allowed to serve as substitute teachers. The governor vetoed House bill 2493 which would have ended that practice. Every school is having trouble hiring this year. Treynor had more people leave than ever before, but has been able to fill all the open positions except for a Spanish teacher and a Special Education teacher. Omaha Public schools had 700 staff leave. When asked if someone with a college degree could be a substitute teacher, Keith said that all they would need to do was take a course at IWCC.

Keith said he explored doing live broadcasts for baseball games. He set up a YouTube account and found some free OBS studio software and was able to broadcast some baseball games last year. There were 20-30 people watching online.

This year Fuller Digital Solutions from Cherokee approached him. They provide free equipment

for schools and Production Truck software. They recruit sponsors, whose ads appear three times during a broadcast, to pay for the equipment. They also work with KMA radio. The software is better than the free software and the school is allowed to use the equipment for anything, so it can be used for concerts, musicals, graduation, etc. The videos can be found on YouTube.com under "TCSD Webmaster".

Keith also talked about the Huddle camera in the gym. It is a fixed camera with several lenses, so it switches between different lenses via motion detection.

Keith Christensen graduated from Lewis Central in 1988. He went to the University of Iowa for his undergraduate and Creighton for Pharmacy school. He met his wife Carla at Creighton and they spent 8 years in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Treynor is working on a setting up a Pre-School program. It is one of only four districts in Iowa that doesn't have one. The school must fund the program for the first year, before the State will support it.

(Thanks to Dale Willenborg for writing.)

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**Next week's speaker will be:**

**Kyle Osborne, TS Institute – Financial Literacy**

**All are welcome!**

**Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays**

**Treynor Community Building**

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**Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Present were 16 members plus Keith Christensen.

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

Jokes were shared by Gary Funkhouser and Keith Denton.

50/50 was won by Doug Wehring. Jim Clausen won the attendance drawing.

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

- Gary Gutttau contributed because he found an old Lucky Strike box from his father.

**BUSINESS:**

- A sign-up sheet was passed for watching gates at Westfair on July 28. Timeslots are 12-2:30 and 2:30 – 5. Dale Willenborg and Phil Waggoner will work the first shift and Gary and Dee Gutttau will work the second shift.
- Can kennel sorting this week included Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, John Klein, Steve Irvin, and Steve Chambers.
- Dale Willenborg paid \$5 for a joke book from Gary Funkhouser

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

**HUMOR**



**Calendar**

**Events**

- July 28 Help with gates at WestFair
- Aug. 26-28 Iowa District Optimist Convention - Davenport

**Birthdays**

- July 23 Jerry Hempel
- July 27 Jim Clausen

**Anniversaries**

- July 25 Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

**Programs**

- July Judy Gutttau (2,4&5 Sat)
- Aug Bill Vorthmann (first two)  
Jim Clausen (last two)
- Sept Jordan Campbell

**Speakers**

- July 23 Kyle Osborne, TS Institute – Financial Literacy
- July 30 John Heatley, Chaplain Pott Co. Good News Jail & Prison Ministries
- Aug 6 Jim Murray, Treynor, author of a book about nursing homes
- Aug 13 Joel Beyenhof, new Treynor Superintendent

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