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Dick Kaasch, Metro Area Youth Foundation Inc (MAYF)



Dick Kaasch said MAYF was started in 2006 with the Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa Optimists. They assist families fighting childhood cancer.

Dick has been an optimist for 50 years. He is in the Omaha Breakfast Club.

The goal of MAYF is to provide 95 cents of every dollar raised for families. The focus is Children's Hospital and Medical Center & Nebraska Medicine.

Families are allowed to apply for up to \$1500 of assistance every six months. Social workers recommend MATF to the families. Money is paid directly to the vendors. The approval process is very fast, usually completed in 24-48 hours. \$5000 of gas cards (\$75 or \$100 cards) was given to Children's Hospital for social workers to give to families.

Last year, gifts were in the following areas:

- Mortgage/rent 32.7%
- Utilities 29.9%
- Auto loans 12.9%
- Cable/internet/home 7.7%

In 2021, \$160,000 was raised:

- Corporations: over \$30,000
- Optimists ~\$20,000
- Individuals ~\$55,000
- Foundations ~\$20,000
- Event Attendees ~\$18,000

In 2021, 99 families were assisted. 283 bills were paid. The average payment was \$1181 per family.

Expenses have been as follows:

- 2019 \$72,709
- 2020 \$62,077
- 2021 \$177,354
- 2022 \$137,428 projected

Next week's speaker will be:

Denise Wilson, Youth Leader SPY

All are welcome!

Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays

Treynor Community Building

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Present were 14 members and the speaker, Dick Kaasch.

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

Keith Denton and Gary Gutttau shared jokes..

50/50 was won by Keith Denton. Dianne Willenborg won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Gary and Julia Funkhouser celebrated their 61st anniversary. Gary brought breakfast pizza.

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

- Dick Kaasch bragged about being an Optimist for 50 years and the Treynor Optimist website
- John Klein bragged about the food and a family project at the Iowa Stata Fair
- Keith Denton bragged about the history of the ZION church.
- Bill Vorthmann bragged about a legacy of limousin cattle breed at the State Fair
- Gary Gutttau talked about seeing a hog's head at WalMart and a kid petting it.

- Dale Willenborg bragged about 13 people helping with can sorting and the pizza afterwards
- Kirk Vorthmann talked about eating head cheese for breakfast

Auction Items:

- Dale Willenborg contributed a large cantaloupe which was purchased by Steve Chambers for \$3.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting took place Wed., Aug. 17 at 4:30 PM. Thirteen people helped with can sorting. Sorting was completed by 4:55. Everyone enjoyed free pizza at Silos afterwards.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

Calendar

Events

- Aug. 26-28 Iowa District Optimist Convention - Davenport
- Sept 3 Can Kennel sorting for SPY Youth Group

Birthdays

- Aug 23 Judy Guttau

Anniversaries

- Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs

- Aug Jim Clausen (last two)
- Sept Jordan Campbell
- Oct Gary Guttau

Speakers

- Aug 20 Nani from Metro Area Youth Foundation
- Aug 27 Denise Wilson, Youth Leader SPY

HUMOR



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