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Denise Wilson, Youth Leader SPY



L-R. Katie Weis, Sydney & Sam Burmeister, Denise Wilson

Denise Wilson, St Paul Youth Minister, Treynor, accompanied by Katie Weis, Assistant, and Sam and Sydney Burmeister, youth members, told about their summer mission trip to Tulsa, OK.

The mission trip, approximately the 12th year, gives the youth and leaders an opportunity to learn about another community in the US and to gain experience in serving others, focus and bond as a team.

They had a great 2-hr. conversation with Saul Moccasin, 99, a retired teacher and volunteer at Oaks Indian Mission, started in 1801.

The group served at Iron Gate, organizing bags of food for families in cars and giving out individual meals to people on the streets. Sam said it was fun to see the happy faces when he handed out desserts. Over 100 families in cars and hundreds of homeless individuals were served. Denise said it broke her heart to see people her age and younger, who looked way older, in such need. She loved using their name while conversing with them.

They also worked at a Kids Camp at Wesley Chapel, delivering pizza to the homeless or playing with the kids on the playground. This project was a mission of Pastor Chris of the local Methodist church. Due to prayer, pizza, and basketball, this neighborhood was reached and the church is full. Oklahoma City Thunder Basketball team has even funded a basketball court for this neighborhood. Denise said she saw

safety issues at the camp, but had to let her feelings go as she saw 70 kids off the street happy and having fun.

Everywhere they went the Treynor youth were praised for giving it their all and for helping because they were understaffed. Denise reported competitiveness added to the fun when sorting food.

Two different churches were attended giving the group different worship experiences. Each day the group had great conversations about their lows and highs for the day. Each person was given a string bracelet and could put 2-3 different colored beads per day on the string which would remind them of people that impacted them and to pray for them.

Their daily schedule was to meet for breakfast, have devotions, and gather for prayer before going to serve. At night they would talk about the devotions and apply how Jesus was calling them to go and serve in love. They started each day by putting God first.

Sam reflected on how the mission trip was a life-changing experience for him helping him be more settled in what his plans are. Sydney stated she is more appreciative of the things we have and the support that our Optimist Club gives. She feels she has a new perspective of noticing when others have a need, being more optimistic and nice to others.

Next week's speaker will be:

Tim Dickmeyer, Arts Center Director - IWCC

All are welcome!

Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays

Treynor Community Building

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Present were 17 members. Guests were Dick

Fox, Lynelle Vorthmann, Denise Wilson, Katie Weis, Sam Burmeister, and Sydney Burmeister.

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

Keith Denton, Kirk Vorthmann, and Gary Guttau shared jokes.

50/50 was won by Kevin Underwood. Jeff Jorgenen won the attendance drawing, but was unable to collect.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Judy Guttau's birthday was observed.

Lynelle Vorthmann's birthday was also observed.

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

- Kirk Vorthmann, Kevin Underwood, and Marsha Underwood contributed for the great game and win of Treynor FB over St. Albert.
- Gary Guttau shared the baby elephant report from the zoo where he is a docent. He also learned something new: the mammary system is behind the front legs for elephants and giraffes.

Auction Items:

- Dick Fox contributed 3 bags of cherry tomatoes, purchased by Judy Guttau, Kathy Luedke, and Denise Wilson. He also contributed green beans, purchased by Chad Guttau.

Business:

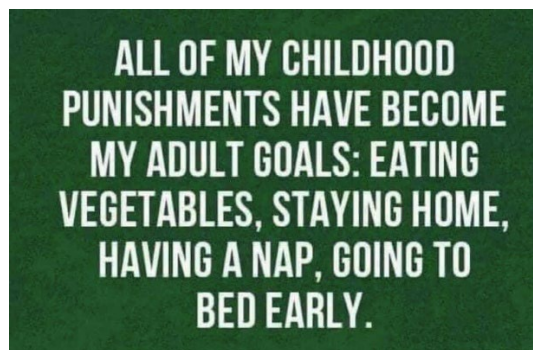
- Can Kennel sorting will take place Wed., Aug. 31 at 6:15 PM with the St. Paul Youth.
- The flags will be put up after the meeting next Saturday for Labor Day observance.
- John Klein gave a report on the mural wall sign north of Andersen's Station. Representatives from Home Depot met with him and Connie Andersen and made a material list. If the application to corporate office is approved, Home Depot will provide the materials and labor. The tree is to remain. Optimists are to provide lunch for the workers. There was discussion about the design to go

on the mural. Katie Weis, Art teacher, will be involved in a design contest.

- A board meeting will occur in two weeks after the meeting.
- A discussion was held about political speaker presentations at meetings. The consensus was to have speakers talk about issues, rather than campaigning. Having a forum of candidates was also suggested.
- At a recent meeting, a thank you was circulated from Cadence Quick for supporting her in the Optimist Oratory Contest this year.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

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Calendar

Events

Aug 31	6:15 PM Can Kennel sorting - SPY Group
Sept 3	Flags put up after meeting
Sept 10	Board Meeting after regular meeting

Birthdays

Sept 1	Josh Guttau
Sept 16	John Klein
Sept 22	Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

Aug 24	Phil & Jan Waggoner
Aug 26	Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs

Sept	Jordan Campbell
Oct	Gary Guttau
Nov	Jerry Hempel

Speakers

Sept 3	Tim Dickmeyer, Arts Center Director, IWCC
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