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Home School Program



Shelly Guttau (left) and Rachel Kalstrup (right) spoke today about Home Schooling. Shelly is married to Josh and they have four children, Shianne, Joslyn, Dane, Tessa and a German foreign student, Jona, this

year. Rachel is married to Brian and they have four children also, Lauren, Andrew, Emily, and Will. All participate in many extra activities.

Shelly has her degree in Early Childhood Ed and Special Education and taught for five years. She had always thought about the possibility of home schooling and COVID developed that desire as she did not want to have her child start kindergarten in a masked environment. One of their children graduated from Treynor, one has been dual enrolled at Treynor and online independent study, one tried home schooling for a year and went back to public school and the youngest, Tessa, does traditional home schooling.

Rachel taught kindergarten for five years. Her husband was very opposed to home schooling at first. COVID also changed their situation as two started online school and two did home schooling. Their teen daughter, who is gifted in art, didn't return to Treynor so that she could also participate in an art mentoring program in Omaha. Their older son returned to Treynor after one year online. Their 12 year old daughter and their youngest son do traditional home schooling.

Both Shelly and Rachel stated they don't know if they will do this forever but are taking one year at a time. Because of the inkling in their hearts, yes, there were fears, but believe also that if God is in it, He will equip you. All wondered what the community would think, what the family would think, would their child have friends, be socially awkward, what curriculum would be used? They also stated they know this isn't for every family.

They stated that God brought experienced people alongside them.

Both moms explained that an 8 hr. day at school can be completed in 2.5 hours at home, allowing for other activities, such as field trips and helping dad work cattle on occasion, spending time with grandparents. Travel becomes easier.

Curriculum is widely available and easy to use. The state of Iowa also offers a free home school curriculum and online schooling.

In the beginning, four families began meeting in co-op groups every Fri. in homes and planned educational/social activities for the kids. From this, a Waymakers Co-op was developed in this area with a larger group. The idea came from a school in Omaha. There are 48 kids and their moms involved this year who meet on Tuesdays. Organized activities for three different age groups include science, art, or math based upon the yearly theme, chapel, music, and physical education. At the end of the year, the group perform for their families.

Next week's speaker will be:

To be announced

8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 16 members and guest David Danker.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Bill Vorthmann

50/50 was won by Mick Guttau. Kevin Underwood won the **attendance drawing**.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None. Jordan announced that today was Toby Mack's 57th birthday as well as other celebrities.

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

- Dee Gutttau praised the 25 Master Gardeners who helped harvest their pumpkin and gourd crop prior to the freeze this week. A trailer full of pumpkins was taken to the school for kids. John Klein reported seeing one little boy rolling his home!
- Jim Clausen paid because Kevin Underwood installed his new ice maker.
- Gary Gutttau bragged on completing getting their large garden ready for next year.
- Judy Gutttau announced the band won top honors at State Marching Band Contest and at the Mid-Iowa Band Championship Competition for the band and color guard. Three of her grandchildren participate.
- Gary Gutttau and Mick Gutttau gave a tribute to Ron Andersen by sharing some stories. When Ron was a high school senior, he was able to drive the school bus to school events. He also managed to get his bus out of the mud by using someone's tractor.

Auction Items: NONE

Football Pool: Keith Denton won!

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting will take place on Wed., Oct. 26 at 3:00 with the St. Paul Pre-School.
- Optimist dues are due in October.
- John Klein reported that he received Home Depot paper work.
- A Program Speaker sheet was circulated inviting members to sign up to arrange speakers for this coming year.
- A motion was made by Dee Gutttau, seconded by Chad Gutttau that the club pay the difference in the dues increase this year. All voted aye.

Community:

- The passing of two local residents was noted: Dave Maguire and Rick Snyder.
- Jordan asked Mick to give an update on Brock Fox playing football at Augustana U.
- Terrifying Tour (non-gory, jump inducing) will be held at Zion Congregational Church in

Treynor on Oct. 27 and Oct. 29 from 6:30 PM – 9 PM. Preferred group size is 3 to 6. There will be heavy snacks also. A free will donation is requested. You must RSVP to Jordan Campbell at: pastorjordancampbell@gmail.com or 712-310-1835. There are still some openings.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



"I'm gonna skip breakfast this morning. Okay, Mommy?"

Calendar

Events

Oct 26 Can Kennel Sorting: 3:00 PM
St Paul Lutheran Pre-School

Birthdays

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Programs

Oct Gary Gutttau
Nov Jerry Hempel
Dec Linda Danker (First 2 Saturdays)
Mick Gutttau (Third Saturday)

Speakers

Oct 29 TBA
Nov 5 Rick Nickerson, High School Principal
Nov 12 Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Head Coach
Nov 19 Kara Huisman, Softball Head Coach
Nov 26 Matt Hempel, John Deere Engineer