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Rick Nickerson, New THS Principal



Rick Nickerson, new Principal at Treynor High School, states he likes that Treynor expects excellence and that excellence is achieved by the students. He is very appreciative of his exceptional reception into the community.

He grew up in Grand Island, NE and received his degree in education from Doane College. He has taught elementary and middle school, then went into administration, most recently at Glenwood, and now at Treynor.

Nickerson and his wife, Becky, have four children with only one remaining to graduate from college. His wife is Senior Director at Creighton University. He and his wife enjoy spending time together and enjoy down time on weekends and also traveling to see their children.

The school's plan for every child is for them to have the opportunity to be successful. Career technical education is being pumped up. With certificates, the students can earn more when they graduate. The desire also is to open a student run coffee shop at the high school to give the students practical business experience.

Ten schools in Iowa have a Portrait of Graduate program, which is desired for Treynor, which expands concepts of respect and hard work and accountability. This will bring more recognition to the school and community.

Gary Funkhouser praised the Principal for interacting with the kids at football games and easily getting them to help clean up the stands, which helps the custodians.

Enrollment is down a bit. High school numbers are 263. State funding is received for home school enrollment. The Administration continually promotes Treynor. He stated our rigor is greater and there is a bigger expectation than what he's seen elsewhere. Treynor High School breeds competition and it's a more

intimate environment here. A Math lab on Wednesdays was recently opened for the kids that don't want to fall behind. He's found the kids are not shy about coming in to ask for help.

A topic discussed was the need for two more welding machines. Also discussed was cursive writing in 4th grade, the impact of the new date for transferring to a school (impacts elementary the most), the rigorous curriculum at THS, scholarship access, discipline, plus staffing challenges especially in math, Spanish, and with bus drivers and custodians. Also discussed was bringing back the program of graduates talking to students and possible ways for the Optimists to help the school which he will research.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking speaker notes.

Next week's speaker will be:

Jeff Casey, Treynor HS Football Coach
8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 19 members plus our guest speaker, Rick Nickerson.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis White gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Gary Funkhouser, Gary Guttau, Steve Chambers, and Dale Willenborg.

50/50 was won by Gary Guttau. Chad Guttau won the **attendance drawing**.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Keith Denton contributed because he enjoyed listening to Elvis- Taxi Driver.
- Dick Fox donated because his two rain gauges showed different amounts of rain.

And his granddaughter won her first high school volleyball game at state in Nebraska. Gail Hartigan was in Lincoln watching.

- Gary Gutttau bragged on Josh Bintz keeping him going for 17 years or more and is sure he does the same for the students at THS.
- Jordan Campbell announced his daughter's Golden birthday on 11/11/11 (she turns 11.)
- Bill Vorthmann contributed to announce the end of Daylight Savings Time today.

Auction Items: NONE

Football Pool: Gary Gutttau won!

Business:

- There are six members left to pay dues. There are possibilities of more new members.
- Can Kennel will sort at 6:15 PM with the Cub Scouts and some JOI Club members will help. The Dance Team will be the next organization to benefit starting on Tuesday.
- A request was made by Jim Clausen and Byron Menke to put flags up on Main Street Nov. 18 for a group supporting the Wounded Warriors coming through Treynor on Friday, Nov. 18. Flags will be put up on Hwy 92 Thursday of this week for Veterans' Day and left through Nov. 18. Jordan Campbell, Dale Willenborg, and Gary Gutttau will put up. The flags will be picked up Saturday, Nov. 19 around noon.

Community:

- Bingo is tonight at the Legion at 6:30 PM.
- Vote on Tuesday.
- Turn back your clocks tonight! (Sat.)

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

Calendar

Events

Nov 7	Can Kennel Sorting – Time 6:15 PM
Nov 8	Vote
Nov 10	Put up flags on Main St.
Nov 19	Take down flags on Main St.

Birthdays

Nov 8	Mick Gutttau
Nov 18	Phil Waggoner, Dianne Willenborg
Nov 22	Kathy Luedke

Anniversaries

Nov 22	John & Carol Klein
Nov 25	Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Programs

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

Speakers

Nov 12	Jeff Casey, Treynor Football Head Coach
Nov 19	Kara Huisman, Softball Head Coach
Nov 26	Matt Hempel, John Deere Engineer

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