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Dollar General Manager, Tiffany Anderson



Tiffany Anderson is the Manager of Treynor's Dollar General. She is the wife of Heath Anderson and the mother of three and runs the local Girl Scouts. She has served in the Army. Heath is a farm hand for Jason Eitmann and Marilyn Eitmann and loves everything about the farm. They

are originally from the Atlantic/Griswold area and moved to Treynor 11 years ago.

The store was opened in February of 2022 and Tiffany started working part-time in May and in less than six months she was made manager. She has not had any training and says she is doing her best. She wants what is best and safe for the community. Dollar General has 19,000 stores and are located in 50 states.

The products sold are owned by Dollar General, but the building itself is owned by a private investor. She recognizes there are many issues with the business, but she is unable to do much about it so she tries to do the best she can.

Currently there are nine total employees – five associates and four key holders and the 117 hours/week must be split among them. Most are high schoolers from Treynor. She states the pay is not enough. Associates get \$9-10/hour, Key holders \$11-11.75/hr., and the Assistant Manager earns \$12.75. Tiffany says she gets a salary and got her first raise which was a dollar/hr.

Tiffany knows there are complaints. One is about the self-checkout. People would like to have someone always at the register and Tiffany would really like that, but the job requires her to do a lot of duties, and there are issues she has no control over. Getting boxes out of the way so customers are safe is very important to her. Storage is very limited.

The Treynor store is doing very well. Last year it had almost \$1MM in sales. The hope is in a few years the store will be a "Fresh Store" and able to offer fruits and veggies.

The ordering system is called "Tons & Nones". Tiffany has no control over what is ordered. She must take what comes and sometimes it's way too much and too little. A 1000 piece delivery can take 5 hours to process. She has had to close the store at times to allow for this because she's concerned about the safety of the customers.

Headquarters, which is in the South, sets pricing. They change the prices before they send it to her so the prices on the shelf can be different than what is on the computer. Price changes and audits take place on Tuesday. Out of date items are pulled on Tuesday and Thursdays.

The truck drivers, who are very nice, come from the South and don't handle snow well so refuse to drive. Truck deliveries are uncertain. There was a Distribution Center in Blair, NE, but the employees all quit so now are on hold. The store does offer online ordering for customers, but not delivery.

Tiffany believes it is important for the business to be a part of the community in Treynor. That is not something Dollar General is concerned about, but Tiffany had a gift wrapping service at Christmas time and monies were donated to St Jude. She also had the store donate to the Treynor Christmas and the Cardinal Tree.

City Administrator Mike Holton shared that he is in daily contact with Tiffany and he stated that the city with attorneys have held the developer to a standard different than what most communities are used to. Most developers just lay it out and then get out. He stated several issues that the developer has had to correct. He is 80% pleased with Dollar General and feels the store is a good place to shop and provides a great service for the community.

Tiffany also shared that her husband loves selling and repairing tires and he works on farm equipment. Check with Tiffany on how he can be reached.

Thank you, Tiffany!

Next week's Speaker:

Corbin Horton will speak about the Music Trip to Nashville and the High School Musical, which he received permission to direct this spring at Treynor High School.

Famous Quote

"There is no cause half so sacred as the cause of a people. There is no idea so uplifting as the idea of the service of humanity."

President Woodrow Wilson

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present. Guests were Tiffany Anderson, Hazel Anderson, and Mike Holton.

Campbell led the pledge and Dale Willenborg offered the prayer. Keith Denton, Gary Funkhouser, and Jordan Campbell shared jokes.

50/50: Gary Gutttau won

Attendance: Gary Gutttau also won this.

Birthdays: We observed Ken Graham's birthday. Thank you for providing breakfast. We also observed Dave Danker's birthday.

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

1. Glenrose Meier stated her husband had cardio version afib and got it into rhythm.
2. Gary Funkhouser shared that a coach from Oakland when he and Julie taught there has a son who is the coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University (New Jersey) and as #16 seed they beat #1 Purdue in the East Division.
3. Phil Waggoner paid because the #16 seed beat the #1 seed.
4. Jordan Campbell shared that his family attended the IWCC program – Dallas String Quartet Electric. He said it was really, really neat.

5. Linda Danker donated because the Music Boosters and Music students are on a trip to Nashville.
6. Gary Gutttau is cleaning and shared an old advertisement from the Saturday Evening Post and also a songbook from the Bird Cage Piano Bar that used to be in a motel on 72nd and Dodge. The pianist knew all 300 songs.

Community:

1. Mike Holton, City Administrator, shared more details about the \$800,000 grant which was announced in last week's newsletter: A Destinations Iowa grant by the Governor's Office of \$100,000,000 was made available for tourism, attractions, etc. in Iowa. It is a federal pass-through grant. There were seven rounds total of grants. The first six rounds were very large grants to cities. Mike said he applied for each round for a) the city as fiscal agent, b) Vision Treynor and c) Treynor Parks & Trails Commission (includes Splash Pad, Dexter's Dream, and Tristan's Trail). He also called the Governor's office after each round. Finally in the seventh round, the Governor asked that more rural area projects be looked at. Treynor was awarded \$800,000 total for a multi-phase park and recreation project. This will help Vision Treynor and Treynor Parks & Trails Commission with their projects at The T and the city's portion will be used for infrastructure related to the project.
2. Jordan Campbell stated the Annual Alumni Basketball tournament is Sat., April 1. Anyone who feels they are associated with Treynor in anyway is invited to play (not just alumni). Players will be assigned to a team. Women are invited as well as men. The night before, Fri., March 31, all ages are invited to come participate in fun basketball contests from 5:30-7 PM. Pizza will then be provided at Silos for all.

Business:

1. Can Kennel sorting Wednesday benefited Studio 7 Dance Team. Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser and lots of kids helped.

2. Gary stated he has a \$1334.75 can kennel check for Music Boosters and a \$1523.50 can kennel check for After Prom.
3. John Klein stated a \$2300 reimbursement grant has been awarded to the Optimists for the Mulch Madness project to be held May 1. The money will be dispersed from the grant once receipts are turned in. He stated the trees are ordered. Dale Willenborg has provided coupons for 10 doz. cookies/donuts for refreshments at the end of the day which Gary Funkhouser will handle.

John also stated that there will be better maps and organization for the project. Keith Denton has a loader for the mulch and will try to have someone drive his truck. A bus will be used to haul kids from the park to the high school tree project at 2:00.

Adults are to meet at 12:30 on May 1. Kids will arrive at 12:50 – half to East Park, half to the High School. The project will run until about 2:50 and then the kids will return to the school.

4. John Klein stated he is working on applying for the can kennel grant yet.

Auction Items: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

Marquees:

- **What happens if you get scared to death twice?**
 - **I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and I turned myself around.**
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Calendar

Events

May 1 Mulch Madness –Adults arrive at 12:30 PM

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs:

Mar Linda Danker (last two weeks)
 Apr Keith Denton
 John Klein (last Sat.)
 May Dale Willenborg

Speakers

Mar 25 Corbin Horton - Music Trip to Nashville and High School Musical, which he will direct at school this spring
 Apr 1 Tim Ambrose- Catching the world's largest Gar
 Apr 8 Jan-Erik and Beate Kuenstler (visiting from Germany): Research about Bea's grandpa, who was in a POW camp in the US during WWII.