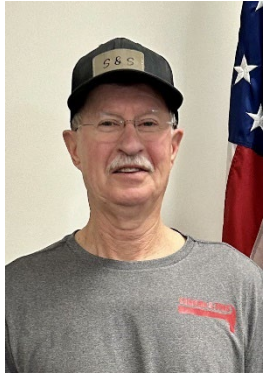




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Sornson & Sons LLC



Mark Sornson spoke about their business Sornson & Sons LLC, which includes his two sons, Jason and Joe and Mark's wife Peggy, the "lunch lady" who serves a hot meal every noon. Mark and Peggy moved to Treynor from Audubon in 1990.

The business focuses on new construction, remodeling, additions and custom cabinetry. Mark has worked on homes for 40 years mostly in SW Iowa. He told of a short time of living in Colorado where homes were being built one/month. The pace is better in Iowa for him so they moved back.

Requirements for a business such as this are a contractor's license, liability insurance, applicable skills, people skills, show confidence, and being honest and having a good work ethic.

Sornson stated they do general contracting and do subcontract out. Finish trim and cabinetry is their specialty.

We enjoyed seeing a screen presentation and description of various machines they use in their shop such as an edge bander, computers that feed knowledge to machines, then the machine grabs the tools needed for routing out parts, etc. The machines do not assemble the parts.

Insulation is usually subbed out, but lots of spray foam insulation is used so that it is equal with the studs. They also spray around the base of the foundation on the inside to keep cold coming through the block. In bath remodels, they use preformed Styrofoam, seal the joints with polyurethane so that it is waterproof before tile is put on.

The shop was built 5 years ago and has a large collection system and tubing for sucking up sawdust. They wear ear protection as it is loud. There is a paint area where Jason loves to paint.

Joe studied to be a Construction Manager so does all of the scheduling. They do hire extra people when building a house. One son is on the fire dept., and they hire some of those guys.

We enjoyed seeing pictures of many homes Sornson & Sons have constructed or are in various stages of homes being built. Mark shared some pictures of his first project of building the bar at Prairie Crossing Winery when he moved back from Colorado. He described an unusual project of building a dog kennel in a house with an electronic dog door with a sensor tied to the dog's collar.

The company operates where they live on 20896 Cardinal Lane, CB. He feels very blessed to have a family that works together. Contact information: Mark 402-618-5010, mark@sornsonandsons.com; Joe 515-205-1736, joe@sornsonandsons.com

Next week:

Melvin Houser, Pott. Co. Supervisor

Famous Quote

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'"

Audrey Hepburn

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Twenty members were present. Mark Sornson, Tessa Gutttau, Kinley and Sara Coleman were guests. The group recited the pledge and Jordan Campbell gave the prayer.

Jokes: Bill Vorthmann, Steve Chambers, Tessa Gutttau, Gary Gutttau, Dick Fox, Dale Willenborg

50/50: Tessa Gutttau

Attendance: Ann Vorthmann, but she was unable to claim.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Dale Willenborg announced his daughter's birthday.

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

- Gary Funkhouser contributed because of the great effort of The Treynor High School students preparing over 100,000 meals for Open Door Mission. There are lots of positive stories in the media.
- Gary Guttau shared an old stapler who has been with him longer than his wife, he said.
- John Klein gave a commercial for the Master Gardener Sale Saturday, May 4 starting at 8 AM at the WestFair Commercial Building.

Business:

- There will be a board meeting and scholarship committee meeting after the meeting today.
- Optimist Can Kennel sorters Wednesday were Gary Funkhouser, Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, Dale Willenborg, Bill Vorthmann, Steve Chambers, and John Klein.
- A check for \$873.75 was presented to the Treynor Studio 7 Dance Team representatives Kinley and Sara Coleman. The money will be used for entry fees for competitions in the next couple weeks.



L-R: Sara Coleman, Kinley Coleman, Dale Willenborg

Community:

- Tues., Apr. 16 – Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Harlan, in Treynor
- Fri., April 19 – Girls/Boys Golf Meet - TRA
- Sat., April 20 – Treynor Athletic Booster Bash
- Sat., April 20 – “Clue on Stage” Treynor student-led production 2-4 PM, 6-8 PM
- Sun., April 21 – “Clue on Stage” Treynor student-led Production 2-4 PM

- Tues., April 22 – Elem. Night of Arts, ice cream social, free will donation
- Sat. April 27 – Treynor City-wide Garage Sale
- Sun., April 28 – Treynor Farmers Market
- Sun., April 28 – Treynor Optimist Youth Appreciation Event starting at 3 PM at Zion Congregational Church. Two students from grades 7-12, selected by the teachers, will be recognized. Families are invited. The following have signed up to make cookies/bars: Gary Funkhouser, Dee Guttau, GlenRose Meier, Bill Vorthmann, Jim Clausen, Kevin Underwood, Judy Guttau. (Please have at the church by 1:30 PM.)
- All month – Shoe Drive – Donation Box at Treynor School outside Secretary's office. (donate unwanted shoes)

John Klein stated that Fri., May 24 5-7 PM there will be a fundraiser spaghetti supper and silent auction in the Treynor High School Commons for Ava Steeve, age 5, who was recently diagnosed with very severe aplastic anemia. She is the daughter of Derek & Amberly Steeve. Mr. Steeve is a teacher at Treynor High School.

Jordan Campbell announced that Zion Congregational Church will have their annual Cinco De Mayo taco dinner on Sunday, May 5.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Humor



CALENDAR

Events:

Apr 28 Optimist Youth Appreciation Event 3 PM
Zion Congregational Church

Birthdays

Apr 20 Steve Chambers
Apr 24 Linda Danker
Apr 25 Irvin Saar
Apr 28 Gene Seran

Anniversaries

None

Programs:

Apr. Jeff Jorgensen (3rd/4th Sat)
May Linda Danker (1st/2nd Sat)
Phil Waggoner (3rd/4th Sat)
June Steve Irvin (1st/2nd Sat)
Joel Beyenhof (3rd Sat)
Judy Guttai (4th/5th Sat)
July **First three Sat. OPEN**

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Speakers

Apr 20

Apr 27

May 4

May 11

May 18

May 25

June 1

June 7

June 15

Joel Beyenhof (4th Sat)

Chad Guttai

Jim Clausen (1st/2nd Sat)

Bill Vorthmann (3rd/4th Sat)

Gary Guttai

Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat)

Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)

Mick and Judy Guttai

Melvin Houser, Supervisor

Tim Wichman, Supervisor

Christina Bateman, Faith's Friends

Susan Enewold, Council Bluffs

C.A.R.E.S,

Scott Rucker, Boys Basketball Coach

Joe Chapman, Girls Basketball Coach

Matt Hansmann, Science Teacher

Jacob Beresh, Social Science Teacher

Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor

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