



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109
Iowa District Governor: Jane Schmidt
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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg



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Speaker Postponed

Due to icy roads, our speaker, Garry Clark was postponed until Sat., Feb. 28. Present was Michael Holton, our City Administrator, who was asked to share an update about Treynor.

Michael shared the Treynor Community Center now has a new A/V system and an upgrade of the screens, sound system and new microphones and lapel microphones.

Mike stated the Zion Road is complete but currently closed off for safety concerns. Street lighting through MidAmerican has not been completed as well as needed signage. The Council will finalize an agreement with Mid American to put in 11 light poles for a cost of an estimated \$85,000.

The issue of pedestrian crossings on Hwy 92 was discussed. Several options are under review by the city council and cost has become a large factor.

Preparations for the new subdivisions continue with construction plans and storm water plans on the west side being put together by the engineers. Lot prices are being worked on by Vision Treynor Group and will be available for sale in the spring.

VTG, Treynor Parks & Trail Board (TP&TB) and the city continue to meet every week to discuss issues with the Splash Pad, handicapped parking, etc. and Michael boldly stated there needs to be a Splash Pad in place in 2026 to fulfill the requirements for the DESTINATION IOWA grant.

Michael stated that property tax reform at the State level puts the city, school, and owners in the same battle with different perspectives. He feels many small towns, including Treynor to a lesser extent, will have a very difficult time as they face this issue.

The population of Treynor is 1128 currently. In 2020 it was 1032. *Thanks, Michael, for sharing*

and providing edits!

Next Week's Program:
David Spalling, Special Education Coach,
Milard South

Inspirational Quote:

"It's never too late to be what you might have been." - George Elliot

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. 12 members were present. Guest: Michael Holton.

Thanks to Dale Willenborg for providing rolls! We look forward to breakfast being served next Saturday by the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club.

Prayer: Kirk Vorthmann

Jokes: Keith Denton and Dale Willenborg

50/50: Dee Guttau

Attendance: Joel Beyenhof, but he was unable to claim.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Dale Willenborg: His grandson and granddaughter are in a Robotics Tournament in Cedar Rapids. They are in first place in the league. The state tournament is in February.
- Mike Holton: \$3 to state his three boys are in the National Guard in Nebraska – two full time in Omaha and one parttime, who is an engineer. One spent three months in MO; one just got back from AK doing hazmat training and one did five months training as an officer.

The longest one has been in the Guard is 16-17 years.

- Dale Willenborg: The Teammates program has grown in Treynor. Over 40 mentors and their mentees were recognized at the ball game Tuesday night.

Business

- Can Kennel sorting for Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club will be right after the meeting on Sat. Jan. 31. Note they will serve breakfast to us at the meeting.
- John Klein reported the Can Kennel signs have been received. The cost is \$321 and each of ten organizations will be charged \$30 each.
- John Klein reported Home Depot is providing a new door and frame for the city's machine shed next to the can kennel. The city will install. Bill Vorthmann and John are picking it up today.
- Home Depot has given the school, Optimist Club, and city supplies worth thousands of dollars. The manager of Home Depot, Cody Abbott, will speak at Optimist March 7. John Klein has researched a plaque to be specially made for him for a cost of \$25 plus tax. John shared a sketch of the wording. All approved.
- Chad reported that he is trying to have Iowa Attorney General, Brenda Bird, speak again.
- Dee Gutttau suggested that all gardeners strive to plant red, white, and blue plants in your pots and yard to show your patriotism for the 250th Anniversary of our country.
- Gary Gutttau reported all dues have been received.
- It was suggested that more than one learn how to use the new audio/video system at the Community Building.

Community:

- **Sat. Jan. 31: Elementary School Dance** at Community Center. Adult required for each family.
- **Sun. Feb. 22: Treynor Winter Market** 10-2

Events this week in Treynor and some away if indicated:

- Mon. Jan.26: 7/8 G BB @ Riverside
- Mon. Jan. 26: Jr Hi Boys Wrestling
- Tues. Jan.27: B/G BB @ Mo Valley
- Tues. Jan.27: 7/8 G BB vs Glenwood
- Tues. Jan.27: V B Wrest Quad
- Th. Jan. 29: JH B Wrest@ Underwood
- Fri. Jan.30: V G Wrest Regional @ Atlantic
- Fri. Jan.30: G/B BB vs. IKM
- Sat. Jan.31: State Jazz Band
- Sat. Jan.31: V B Wrest @ Audubon

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR



CALENDAR

Events:

Jan. 31 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM,
Treynor Community Center

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Programs:

January Keith Denton (5th Sat.)
February Linda Danker (1st,2nd Sat)
Kirk Vorthmann (3rd, 4th Sat.)
March John Klein
April Chad Gutttau
May Ken Graham (1st,2nd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (3rd,4th Sat)
June Steve Irvin (1st,2nd Sat)
Dee Gutttau (3rd,4th Sat)

Speakers:

Jan. 31 David Stalling, Special Education Coach
Millard South