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NEWSLETTER

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Tracy Petersen, Treynor Teacher



Optimist Steve Irvin occasionally subs as a counselor at the school. He sees lots of good young teachers and introduced Tracy Petersen as one! Tracy travels to Treynor from Harlan where her husband farms and her two young school-aged children go to school.

Tracy is a graduate of Riverside, got her associate's degree from IWCC, BS from Bellevue University. Her jobs have included Target, a tech assistant and substitute at AHSTW and a counseling secretary and sub at Harlan. She loves working with high school students and decided to pursue an education degree in 2024 from Buena Vista University.

Petersen teaches the following:

1) Entrepreneurship/Marketing. Students create and present a business plan. They create business ads for social media. They learn about the 5 P's of marketing – product, price, place, promotion, and people to ensure the offer aligns with market needs and effectively reaches customers. The students then create a marketing mix project.
2) Personal Finance is Tracy's favorite subject to teach. The students learn about banking and banking products, investing and credit cards, budgeting with real life situations, insurance – car, life, health. There are usually 24 students per class. She teaches the importance of starting to save when young.
3) Career Readiness class teaches students how to write a resume and cover letters. Unlike texting, she teaches students the professional way of writing using capitalization and punctuation in letters and emails. The students participate in mock interviews. (See comment at end of article.) They learn how to complete a job application, fill out W-4's, W-2's, review pay stubs and 1040 Forms.
4) Accounting: Tracy teaches the basics of assets minus liabilities equals owner's equity. Students learn about journalizing and general ledgers along with debits and credits.
5) Work Based Learning- This year she had 17 employers of businesses who offered employment for students, usually seniors or juniors. Weekly hours are turned in every week. Petersen checks in weekly with employers. She helps students find the job, hopefully in a field they like. The School Counselor helps students make sure they are on their career path. Students are paid and have to work 45 hrs. to earn one credit.
6) FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America Club. This was Tracy's 2nd year of leading this at Treynor. Students meet during a study hall so it is difficult to have a large group. Five students attended the State Conference in Cedar Rapids and competed against 1200 students from the state. Two of Treynor's students (Dane Guttau and Iris Thompson – I just had to include that!) placed in the top ten and qualified for nationals in Texas the end of June, but neither are able to attend.

We enjoyed Tracy's sparkling personality. If you have experience and would like to volunteer to help with mock interviews, you may reach Tracy at 712-487-3414 x 1142.or tpetersen@treynorcardinals.org

Next week's speaker:
Steve Irvin, Secretary/Treasurer of the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation

Quote:

"There is always an opportunity to learn and be better."

Darvesh Luchoomun

Meeting Minutes

Vice President Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Eighteen members were present. Our guest was Tracy Petersen:

Prayer: Bill Vorthmann

Jokes: Keith Denton,

50/50: Jeff Jorgensen

Attendance: Jerry Hempel, but he was unable to claim.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Jeff Jorgensen paid $5 as his birthday is on June 20 and his wife's birthday would be June 21.
Steve Irvin paid to share that he and Deb celebrated their 50th anniversary yesterday with all their family being together with them. He shared a fun story about saying their vows which they wrote.

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

- Keith Denton: His granddaughters, Lily and Sophie Denton get to play at state soccer with St. Albert school.
- Dick Fox: They have two peach trees and the one closest to the house must have 5000 peaches on it. The one in the garden is half dead, but has some peaches too. Dick also said he has had 5.25" rain since last Sunday, but that might not be right!
- Steve Irvin: Granddaughter Hope played soccer with Sioux City North against #1 Waukee, and it didn't go well. They lost 6-0 with one attempt to make a goal.
- Gary Guttau: He bragged on the Treynor girls soccer team qualifying for State. They will play Monday, June 8 against Hudson at 12:45 PM in Ames. There will be a send off on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Line the sidewalks in the circle lot outside the middle school commons and make some noise.

Business:

- Bret McVey reported that Mulch Madness went well. Cody Abbott (Home Depot) provided more mature trees and T posts. John Klein and Bret are already working on a plan for where trees can be planted next year.
- John Klein has prepared a plan for "The T" for shade trees. He is also seeking grant money. It was discovered Treynor was not eligible for the DNR funding due to socio-economic status.
- Bret McVey said 36 kids will participate in the Optimist sponsored swim lessons at Lewis Central starting June 15. The bus driver is to be announced.
- Bret McVey talked about Treynor Days this year. A substantial raffle is being worked on by Norm Collins. The hope is for Friday night activities to take place at the Splash Pad at "The T". There are plans for music, hot dogs and burgers near the Splash Pad. The barbecue will take place Saturday. There will also be a foam party and more activities to be announced. Bingo is always a favorite.
- Can Kennel sorting to help the Optimist Club is after the meeting today.
- Next week after our meeting flags will be put out and left out for Flag Day- June 14, Juneteeth – June 19, Treynor Days – June 26-28, and Independence Day - July 4th.

Community:

- Kirk Vorthmann shared that the fundraising event for Dylan Dreyer was successful and served approximately 500 people.

Community Events:

- **Mon.-Fri. June 8-12:** Vacation Bible School at St. Paul Lutheran and Zion Congregational Church
- **Tues. June 9:** Farmers Market begins 5:30-7:30
- **Thurs. June 11:** Treynor Blood Drive. 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Treynor Community Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.
- **Thurs. June 11:** GreenSpace Jam – Free concert **7-**9 PM in the green space west of TS Bank. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Refreshments will be available from Tweets and Jarvis Quality Meats.

School Events in Treynor and State

- **Mon. June 8:** Girls Soccer at State vs Hudson 12:45 PM in Ames
- **Mon. June 8:** G/B JV/V softball/baseball vs Tri-Center
- **Wed. June 10:** JV Reserve Boys baseball vs Ft. Calhoun
- **Fri. June 12**: JV/V G/B softball/baseball vs Riverside

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

"You know you're getting older when you have a party and the neighbors don't realize it."

CALENDAR

Events:

June 13	Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM Put up flags after meeting.

Birthdays:

June 16	Dale Willenborg
June 20	Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries:

June 15	Steve & Jeanie Chambers
June 28	Mick & Judy Guttau
June 29	Dave & Linda Danker

Programs:

June	Steve Irvin (2nd Sat) Judy Guttau (3rd.4th Sat)
July	July 4 – no meeting July 11 – Pending Phil Waggoner (3rd, 4th Sat)
August	Dale Willenborg

Speakers:

June 13	Steve Irvin, Secretary/Treasurer of the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation
June 20	Kelsey Stupfell, Treynor Teacher Grants recipients and Treynor Tomorrows Update
June 27	4th Grade Invention Convention – State Participants
July 4	Holiday - No Meeting
July 11	Andy Moats, Pott. Co. Recorder

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