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NEWSLETTER

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Dale Willenborg

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4CCF, Teacher Grants, Treynor's Tomorrows



Kelsey Stupfell (left) and Jennifer Fletcher (right) gave updates on**: Four Corners Community Foundation (4CCF)**, used to be TS Community Foundation, but now the board is a mix of people who represent Treynor, Macedonia, Underwood, and rural Council Bluffs. It is affiliated with the Community Foundation of Western Iowa (CFWI).

The big advantage is 4CCF, a 501©3, does the paperwork and handling of funds so that you can donate easily to a project you are passionate about starting or giving to one that exists. Donations can be given to 4CCF (give to Kelsey, Jen or drop off at TS Bank) or make your check out to the project itself.

4CCF was the first fiscal agent for Tristan's Trail and Vision Treynor. Treynor marching band uniforms donations were run through 4CCF.

The Treynor Optimists have a 501©3 fund set up waiting for a new project. We used this fund when our club was involved with the playground at the Treynor City Park. This is an example of a donor advised fund. Donors direct where their donation is to go.

There are also endowment funds in which 5% is withdrawn yearly to go toward a project. 4CCF also has a SW Iowa Impact Fund in which they grant $1000 to a non-profit organization that applicants can apply for. Another way to make tax deductible gifts to existing non-profit organizations is through Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving,

Jen Fletcher and her family are from Underwood. She joined the 4CCF Board in 2022,and loves that it is a means to help people in the community, who are passionate about projects, to make the donation process easy. She also loves that her kids see the importance of volunteering in the community.

Kelsey updated us about **Treynor Classroom Grants** this second year, which are run through 4CCF, but selected by a third party. An anonymous donor put in $10,000 and it was matched to $20,000. This year there were 18 applications and 6 grants totaling $2629 given. Recipients were:

1) Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor – "Cardinal Closet" for kids in need of supplies.
2) Alex Herrington, High School Science Teacher – "Vertical Moveable Collaboration White Board";
3) Jane Leick, High School Science Teacher and Middle School PE Teacher – "9 Square In The Air", an interactive game for PE.
4) Taryn Maguire, 1st grade Teacher – "Decodable Text Library" to help with phonics;
5) Kelsey Winchell, 4th grade Teacher – "Flexible Seating" for reading; and
6) Shantelle Vohs, 2nd grade Teacher – "Math Interactive Board".

Treynor's Tomorrow, started two years ago with focus groups discussing what they love about Treynor, and what they would like to see, which eventually led to four committees:
Beautification & Signage –decorations at the Four Corners, seasonal banners, directional signage, a mural, wayfinding signs, Clean Up Days.
Community Engagement - family summer bash with a zero budget. Welcome bags.
Safety Committee- study group with IDOT, etc.
Development Committee-the new development and road.

GreenSpace Jam is a citizen-led summer concert series in Treynor – family rock concert July 16, "High Heel".

Contact Kelsey Stupfell or Mike Holton to volunteer. Kelsey: 402.680.9548, kelsey.stupfell@tsbg.com
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Next week's speakers:
4th Grade Invention Convention
State Participants from Treynor

Quote:

"A strong Soul Shines After Every Storm."

Unknown

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Thirteen members were present. Guests were Alec Lovely, Jim Lovely, Kelsey Stupfell, Jennifer Fletcher.

Prayer: Glenrose Meier

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers,

50/50: Kevin Underwood

Attendance: Gary Guttau

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Dale Willenborg celebrated his 74th birthday.

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

- Dale Willenborg: Went on a youth trip with 9 kids to Arkansas – did swimming, shooting. Last week he went to eastern Iowa where it rained while camping, went to Field of Dreams with 22 boys and camped out and hiked at the Maquoeta Caves.
- Gary Guttau: Crystal Lake Cave in Iowa was said by a guy from Carlsbad that it is more beautiful than Carlsbad.
- Bill Vorthmann: He lost his cell phone Sat. and back tracked. Found it on Thurs. in an Optimist box at the Community Center when he went to repair the box.
- Steve Irvin: Granddaughter Hope plays soccer for Sioux City North (attends Siouxland) and was awarded Honorable Mention All Conference as a Freshman. She was thrilled to attend the Argentina World Cup soccer game in Kansas City.
- John Klein: He was a director of the Hitchcock Nature area in 1992. At a seminar there recently, he discovered a road through the hills which wasn't open that used to be part of the Lincoln Highway, the first coast to coast highway. He also asked who knew what four rivers run through Pott. Co. (East and West Nishna Botna, Boyer, and Missouri). The Boyer River used to cut severely into Pott Co. between Hitchcock Nature Center and the Missouri River.
- Judy Guttau: Update on grandson's Brock Fox pursuit of pro football. Has invitation to try out for UFL in August.
- Gary Guttau: Eli Yocum helped him knock down a corn crib. The scrap metal is free for the removal (next to the driveway). Many pumpkins are planted and asked for volunteers to finish planting.

Business:

- Helping put up flags Sunday were: Kelby Vorthmann family, Kirk Vorthamnn, Steve Chambers, Bill Vorthmann, Bret McVey, John Klein, Dennis White, Gary Guttau, Chad Guttau, Judy Guttau.
- The flag group reported the red plugs worked pretty well. More to be put in.
- Dale Willenborg reported that we have 245 paid flags. Last year we had 226. More flags will be ordered.



- Senior Alec Lovely received his $500 scholarship. He will play basketball at Simpson and study business, most likely pursuing sales. It was said he was a hit at Zion's VBS with the kids challenging him to basketball at recreation time, even made him wear flip flops.
- Bret McVey there was good attendance for Optimist sponsored swimming lessons. There are a total of four helpers, and the driver is Diane Rath. He discussed potential future plans.
- During our meeting it was suggested that a flag pole will be needed at "The T". Since the Optimists have paperwork done for a 4CCF fund, this is a project we could promote and donors would be able to deduct their gift. This can be discussed in the future.

- It was also suggested that a valet golf cart for transporting fans needing that at "The T" would be a future wish.

Community:

- An update was given on Treynor Days, Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28.
- **Please note that due to multiple factors, the celebration at the Splash Pad Friday night has to be postponed. All will be notified of the new opening date, and there will be celebrating for sure!**
- Check out the attached Treynor Days updated schedule and plan to attend. There is a sand volleyball tournament Fri. night and fun activities and food Saturday all day.
- The Optimists will assist with Bingo and 50/50 on Saturday starting at 1:15 Saturday at the Community Center. Kids will be able to play for free in the Legion Room.
- The city is sponsoring a barbeque cookoff and pulled pork feed from 5-7 PM on Sat.
- In addition to the outstanding Fireworks at "The T" on the 4th of July, there will be fireworks for 15-20 mins on Sat., June 27 at 9:45 PM thanks to Twisted Thunder who is selling fireworks in Treynor. Watch from the green space at the Community Center. Silos will host a beer garden and a band in the evening.
- Sunday the 28th, there is a pancake breakfast from 8-10 AM, followed by church, a Main St. Market and service projects.
- Nice comments were given about the existing facilities at "The T". It's a project turning out well.

- **Community Events:**
  - **Mon.-Fri. June 22-25:** Optimist sponsored swim lessons- the last week.
  - **Tues. June 23:** Farmers Market begins 5:30-7:30 Food Truck: Johnny Rico's Brooklyn Pizza
  - **Fri.,June 25 -Sun.June 28**: Treynor Days

School Events <u>in Treynor</u>

- **Thurs. June 25:** JV/V B/G SB/BB vs Underwood
- **Fri. June 26:** JV/V BB vs St. Albert

Auction Item:

Gary Guttau donated 2 sets of window cleaner with sprayers, which were purchased by John Klein and Dale Willenborg for $1 each.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

"One Day…I'm Gonna Make the Onions Cry!"

CALENDAR

Events:

June 27	Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM Treynor Community Center – Legion Rm.

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

June 28	Mick & Judy Guttau
June 29	Dave & Linda Danker

Programs:

June	Judy Guttau (4th Sat)
July	July 4 – no meeting July 11 – Jeff Jorgensen Phil Waggoner (3rd, 4th Sat)
August	Dale Willenborg
September	Jim Clausen (1st, 2nd Sat) Bill Vorthmann (3rd, 4th Sat)

Speakers:

June 27	4th Grade Invention Convention – State Participants
July 4	Holiday - No Meeting
July 11	Andy Moats, Pott. Co.Engineer

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