

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES  
January 30, 2016--MEMBER MEETING

Board of directors in attendance: President John Kester, Vice President/Treasurer Anita Mason, Secretary Kelly Sweeney and at Large Representatives: Ahmad Ghais and Joan Weber (via phone).

**Minutes:** John moved that the minutes be approved; Diana Slifka seconded the motion and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** We sent our midyear report to Freeport McMoRan for the grant showing we have spent \$19,122.50 of the \$20,000 Community Investment Fund Grant. Remaining to be spent by the project completion date scheduled for 6/30/2016 is for a ramp/exit out the back door of the Schoolhouse and to rebuild and install the shutters. We have \$14,860 in our general account; of that amount, \$7,250 is set aside for Fire Station (\$4750 from members and \$2500 out of general fund) and \$2,172.52 is set aside for the Historic Park, leaving \$5,437.48 in our general fund. Anita reported on a \$50.11 shortage to cover the event for Wes Duran and Carl Wagner offered to cover it.

**Miscellaneous information from John:**

- The Board agreed to work with the Independence Pass Foundation on a fundraising event that involves classic cars traveling over the pass and coming into the Village—details to follow.
- Please see John if you would like information about “Operation Round Up” to benefit local charities through Sangre de Cristo energy bills.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Emergency Services will be engaged in a statewide pandemic exercise.
- Doug Constance from Emergency Services is looking for volunteers for the Red Cross in the Twin Lakes area; only 6 hours of training are required and only if there is an emergency will have additional time at a Red Cross shelter—please contact John if you are interested.
- There is an opening on the Fire Planning Board which is headed by Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Steve Boyle. This is an important Board and needs a jump start following the rejection by DOLA of the southern Fire Station grant proposal.
- **Finally, please email John if you have not received a written acknowledgement of any FOTL money donation over \$250 for 2015—you can also contact him for lesser amounts, but we need to acknowledge those \$250 or above.**

**Meeting compliance:** Since we did not have a November meeting, in order to be compliant with our bylaws, Kelly moved that the January meeting be deemed a constructive November and January meeting; Anita seconded and the motion passed.

**National Historic Registry “Renomination” Project for Historic District in Twin Lakes:** Kurt Schweigert provided a PowerPoint presentation on what he is doing for this project. With the great expertise and the generous donation of many hours of research, surveying, expenses and writing, Kurt is completing a comprehensive submission to the National Historic Registry for the Twin Lakes Historic District to replace the hasty nomination containing little substance done in the 1970s. This involves forty-six properties on both sides of Highway 82 in the Village. It is a work in progress and History Colorado requested that Kurt submit the project covering the years 1865-1966 (the addition of 36 more years to his initial work likely will result in more properties being seen as “historic” than shown on the map in the presentation document). You can view the PowerPoint presentation with important information and project details, along with a draft site form for one property at <http://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/projects/>. Kurt reiterated that this study does not impact property rights unless an owner seeks a grant and some grants may have their own restrictions on how/what work is done if the grant money is used. Also, he will provide all property owners an opportunity to comment and give additional input on the site forms for their property. This project will focus on properties contributing to our history related to mining (commerce), transportation, recreation and tourism. This record of our local property history will be useful now and for future generations. **When the report is done it will be over 500 pages and we will need to pay for reproduction of probably 5 color copies.**

Ahmad moved that we use the historic park set aside funds (if the Board determines the use of all of those funds is appropriate) to pay for the copy charges; Judy Leaming seconded the motion and it passed.

**Development of Priorities for 2016 Projects:** We identified the following projects and passed around an interest sheet to help form committees to propose to the members what to accomplish and how this year (may involve partnering with other groups). Identified projects were: Clarion Preservation (John, Anita and Lexie); Red Rooster display improvement (Judy T., Anita, Susie, Dixie, Carl W., Andy and Ahmad), possible glacial display and repairs; Schoolhouse including work on pump house, creating an interpretive center, ramp for back door and shutters (Kelly, Cornelia, Anita, Susie and Lawson); Willis Trailhead/Boardwalk to Lake (Judy T., Cornelia, Anita, Lawson and Andy); Fire Station for better protection (Judy T., Susie, Judy L., Carl W. and Ahmad); Clean up (Diana, Judy T. and Ahmad). We will facilitate the committees meeting to report back to the members with their thoughts. Kelly moved that prior to the annual meeting a written description of what is proposed to the project will be distributed so that we can vote on our priorities (if we cannot do them all in tandem); Ahmad seconded the motion and it passed.

**Request to Present Private Use Policy for Schoolhouse to Schoolboard:**

The final draft of the letter to the Schoolboard and Private Use Policy were distributed via email. Kelly moved that we present the letter to the Schoolboard along with the Pilot Program and Facility Use Agreement; Lexie seconded the motion. There was discussion presenting issues about whether it is better to just present the proposal seeking an exemption from any potential district policies without the policy attached and then present the policy if the proposal is approved. Following the discussion, the motion passed.

**Everyone is a Sweetheart in Twin Lakes Second Annual Valentine's Day Celebration:**

Kelly moved that we use \$200 of general funds to pay the Twin Lakes Inn for allowing us to use the Inn for our potluck celebration on February 13, followed by a movie to be selected by attendees, possibly about the National Parks. Yvette seconded the motion (suggesting that we pass the hat to attendees at the event to defray costs). Following discussion, the motion passed.

**Report on Forest Service Meeting:**

In e-mails and at a meeting with John and Ahmad, Mr Fiorelli of the USFS questioned the validity of the Avenue L Historic Assessment of the cultural value of the Clarion Hotel. He made clear that the USFS places no priority on work on the Clarion, and approves FOTL to prune the trees and nothing else at this time. The FS will consider allowing us to help/work with Volunteers for Colorado on the Willis Gulch trail and possible improvements in trails for Mt. Bump. The FS did seem willing to use the visitor center funds for repairs in the Red Rooster. Kelly moved that we draft and send a letter to the supervisor over the Leadville Ranger District expressing our dismay in the lack of support by the District to move forward on projects to preserve/enhance the Historic District and to provide more help to the District so that some of projects could proceed; Carl W. seconded and the motion passed.

**Potential Amendments to the Bylaws:**

During and before the meeting several potential amendments were discussed. These amendments need to be put into writing and distributed before the annual meeting to be considered. The amendments mentioned were: 1) making the annual member meeting in June to increase participation (currently it must be within 10 days of Memorial Day); 2) making the member meetings be X times per year instead of specific months; and 3) setting a dollar limit for the board to approve non ordinary course of business/or project expenses (previously approved in general by members) without going back to the members.