

FRIENDS OF TWIN LAKES
October 22, 2016--MEMBER MEETING

Board of directors in attendance: President Kelly Sweeney, Vice-President Anita Mason, Secretary Judy Leaming and at large representatives, Joan Weber and John King.

Minutes: Ahmad Ghais moved that the minutes be approved; Joan Weber seconded the motion and they were approved.

Administrative matters. Financial report: \$3,896.19 in general fund and \$10,887.52 in segregated funds (\$3,387.52 for Historic District projects/improvements and \$7,500 for future fire station).

Report on meeting with Forest Service (09-23-16). John King gave a report on this meeting which took place in the Schoolhouse and at Kurt and Colleen Schweigert's home. John felt the meeting went well. Cat Kamke, an archaeologist based in Canon City, provided helpful information and will coordinate work with Amanda Sanchez, the Forest archaeologist. Cat suggested that an interpretive museum might be our ultimate goal. Some repairs on the Clarion can be done after a safety inspection. A determination needs to be made about what era the Clarion will be restored to (the 1800s? the 1970s when it was a ranger residence?), it was suggested that the era be whatever aspect the museum will emphasize. In addition to Cat, the Interim Ranger Michael Woodbridge and Jim Fiorelli attended on behalf of the Forest Service.

Deterioration of the roof in back of the building (an add-on to the original structure) could ultimately come off or, for now, be covered with a tarp. Something must be done to protect the Clarion. It was noted that the Forest Service is focused on preservation, not restoration.

We need to put everything done by FoTL together with the Forest Service's work. Thanks to Kurt Schweigert, the gathering of historical information is moving along. He has kept track of his time and other FoTL volunteers need to do the same. The Forest Service needs a non-profit partner for grant applications (the value of volunteer time can be used for matches required by grant-makers). It was suggested that we have sign-in sheets that we retain (not just the Forest Service) and record our time for all our projects, not just what is spent at the Visitor Center.

Cat proposed a field trip with the new ranger (Mary Moore, who begins work on November 1st) that would include the Historic Park/Clarion, Vicksburg and Winfield. Winter is the best time to work with the Forest Service on addressing FoTL concerns.

Schoolhouse private use program. The Lake County School Board approved FoTL's proposed private use program during their meeting on October 11, 2016. There's been a request for a wedding in the schoolhouse in December, however, we haven't received an application yet.

Extensive thanks to many volunteers

- Thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted visitors in the Visitor Center in 2016: Ken Holland, Roy Sovine, Michael O'Leary, Al Dawson, John Kester, Colleen and Kurt Schweigert, Beth and Daryl Manning, Susan Frensley, T.R. and Janie Evans, Dixie Pierce, Joan Weber, Will Derber, Don and Robin Lomas, Deb Couture, John King, Judy Leaming, Susie Kester, Judy Tyson and Kelly Sweeney. We assisted approximately **6,574** visitors!
- Thanks to Willis Gulch trail volunteers: Bob Mathes, Jeff Ashby, John Kester, Lyle Williams, Lawson Gagnet, Kelly Sweeney and TR Evans.
- Thanks to John Kester for the time and labor to build the new shutters.
- Thanks to Carl Wagner, Ken Holland, Colleen Schweigert and Kelly Sweeney for sanding and painting picnic tables around the schoolhouse.
- Thanks to Ahmad Ghais for presenting the Islamist Extremism seminar.

- Thanks to Matt Hakala and Claudia Jurhs for the yoga classes that served 22 different yoga participants from July through October
- Special thanks to Judy Leaming for the Native Nations seminars, Cornelia Patti for the Healing Touch seminar and Bob Gaas for the Neuro-Kinetics seminars. Donations from these seminars raised \$467 for our general fund.

Upcoming events in conjunction with the Twin Lakes Inn.

- "This Wonderful Life" is scheduled for December 31st with a second date (December 30th) in the event the show sells out on the 31st.
- "Everyone is a Sweetheart in Twin Lakes" will be held on February 11, 2017.

Other winter events of interest to the Twin Lakes community.

- Bingo: we can't sell bingo cards/tickets, but can accept donation contributions to FoTL. Carl Wagner offered to donate some nice bottles of wine.

Colorado Central Telecom. The award for grant applications will be announced in November. The recipient of the grant award will have two years to complete the project.

There was discussion about new technology that can provide internet through power lines. Sangre de Cristo (with infrastructure) could collaborate with service providers to enable internet service.

Fire Mitigation Note: Caroline Schaeffer received the grant for fire mitigation and will be available to help members of the Twin Lakes community. Work to start in spring.

SAFER grant awarded to Leadville/Lake County Fire Department (\$737,000). This grant can be used to upgrade the capabilities of the fire department. They plan to begin training in 2017 so that they can send at least four fire fighters on every call. This opens up better possibilities for funding a southern Lake County fire station. We need Bruce Hix to stay on the Fire Planning Board when he leaves office. We need more people on the Fire Planning Board (which meets once a month).

John Kester pointed out that the first proposal for a fire station in southern Lake County was for a 12,000 sq. ft. fire station. He's been working with the fire chief to reduce the plans to 6,000 sq. ft. Anita Mason noted that South Metro in Douglas County has an efficient building. It was suggested that we talk to the chief of that station and maybe even use their plans (engineered to the Lake County site). John and Steve Boyle looked at Vail valley stations. Some older stations were 6,000 sq. ft., usable and smaller than the original plan for a fire station in southern Lake County. It's important for the next iteration to be ready before the end of the year. Bruce Hix said that by eliminating the space for hazmat trucks in the original plan, the fire station can be smaller. Ahmad expressed thanks to the fire protection team with a round of applause from the membership.

Other business:

- **Primer on Islam.** In response to requests, Ahmad Ghais will present a seminar on Islam on Saturday, October 29th in the schoolhouse, beginning at 5 pm. He will also be presenting four sessions at Metro State University (adult education) from mid-February to mid-March of 2017.
- **Two shutters ready to be installed today.** Thanks to John for his work on shutters for the schoolhouse. [Volunteers helped with shutter installations after the meeting.]
- **Schoolhouse dedication.** The Lake County School Board would like to attend a dedication ceremony of the schoolhouse when the Schoolhouse preservation is complete with all shutters hung, likely by summer of 2017.
- **Pot luck to welcome the new ranger.** It was suggested that FoTL host a meal to welcome the new ranger. After discussion, there was consensus about a pot luck (perhaps at the schoolhouse since the Inn is closed).

Next FoTL meeting: Saturday, February 11, 2017 (9:30 am).

Meeting adjourned.