

**Friends of Twin Lakes
Membership Meeting
October 7, 2017**

Meeting began at 9:35 a.m.

Board of Directors: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Judy Leaming, Secretary; Joan Weber, at-large member. Absent: Anita Mason, at-large member.

FoTL minutes: motion to approve by Colleen Schweiger and second by Susie Kester to approve FoTL minutes for September 14, 2017. Motion passed.

Status of funds: General Fund: \$6,760.16. Set aside account: \$10,959.62 (reserves for Historic District and Fire Station account).

Fire Planning Board Update: Jeff Johnson is still revising his drawings. These drawings will enable a complete a set of specs which will be used when the project goes out for bids. Estimated cost of initial engineering phase: \$15,000-35,000. They're looking for a loan from USDA. Monthly payments would likely be no more than rental costs now, possibly less. Letter of interest has been sent to Climax to request \$50,000 in match funds. Motion by Marji Nash: FoTL board has discretion to determine best way to use FoTL contribution to southern Lake County fire station (\$7,500). Second by Colleen. Motion passed.

Forest Service Update: Kurt Schweigert has submitted his permit application to the Forest Service along with a strongly written cover letter. He made it clear that FoTL is doing FS work as required under the Antiquities Act as well as other federal laws and regulations. He offered to work with the FS like he did before. It's time to get things done. FoTL won't be billed for the permit until the application is approved -- we're hopeful that the Forest Service will issue the permit without payment (as initially promised). More research is needed on water rights and on the Clarion Hotel (at the History Colorado office in Denver). Also, FoTL's current agreement with the Forest Service expires at the end of December. Need to work on a new 5-year plan.

Update on Colorado Central Telecom progress (Maisey Ramsey): Colorado Central Telecom is building a tower on Sugar Loaf and hopes to have service for the village by the end of the year. There's a repeater on Mt. Elbert Drive for Twin Lakes. They hope to hook people up by late November/early December. Promotional flyers will arrive in the mail when they're ready to sign people up. There's no cap on usage and no contract for residential plans. There's a \$10/month fee for seasonal mode. VoIP phone service will be offered. There's a \$150 fee for installation. No cancellation fee. Another tower is being built in Granite and other repeater sites may be required to reach the village. A sign-up sheet was circulated for notice when services are available.

Master Plan: The Lake County master plan was done in early 2015 -- its primary focus is on Leadville and it deals very little with southern Lake County. We need to think about what we need and want (or don't want) in our area. A Survey Monkey will likely be sent out in November seeking feedback from area residents on what you want for our area's development, etc..

On-Going Programs:

- Movie Club: Denise is teaching movie classes on Thursdays in the school house. Next movie is "The Fisher King" on October 12th at 2 pm. Pre-Halloween class will be held on October 26th ("The Spirit of the Beehive").
- BINGO will return in November (not scheduled in October).
- Yoga classes will continue at 8:30 am on Thursdays through mid-October.

Reminders:

- If you want to take advantage of the free community chipping program, piles must be stacked and contact made with Caroline Schaeffer by October 15th. Chipping will take place on October 17th.
- Colorado's Changing Climate: Updates & Outlooks for the Upper Arkansas River Basin by Dr. Nolan Doesken on Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7:00pm 9:00pm Buena Vista Community Center, 715 East Main, BV. Nolan Doesken, Colorado State Climatologist, will discuss how scientists observe and monitor climate—primarily temperature and precipitation. Colorado has data going back to 1890 (125 years) to help scientists understand where we've been and help predict where we are going. With a focus on Arkansas River Basin data, this lecture is sure to be enlightening for those interested in the weather. Discover our state's long-term monitoring and climate trends particularly focused on floods and drought.

Miscellaneous:

- Need volunteers to install flagstone donated by Bobbie and Susie Ramsdell. Matt Hakala recommended that we use pea gravel instead of sand to protect the flooring in the school house. Folks who volunteered: Daryl and Beth Manning, Kurt and Colleen.
- John Kester said he received a copy of a letter from Steve Rogers addressed to the Lake County Commissioners and the Fire Planning Board with recommendations concerning a southern Lake County fire station. He offered to share the letter with anyone interested in seeing it.

Next FoTL membership meeting: February 10, 2018 (Valentine's Day event that night in the Inn).

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.