

**Friends of Twin Lakes  
Membership Meeting  
February 10, 2018**

**Meeting began at 10:08 a.m.**

**Board of Directors:** Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Judy Leaming, Secretary.

On the phone: Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Joan Weber, at-large member; Anita Mason, at-large member.

**FoTL minutes:** motion by John Kester + second by Joan Weber to approve FoTL minutes for October 7, 2017. Motion passed.

**Status of funds:** Operating account: \$7,601.16. Set aside account: \$10,623.41 (\$7,500 fire station; remainder Historic District).

**Survey on visions for southern Lake County:** 131 responses. FoTL Board was seeking information with this informal survey, not taking a position on development. Comments are still being synthesized. The most prevalent comments related to maintaining the peace and tranquility of the region, followed by the need for a southern Lake County fire station and better cell phone/broadband coverage.

**Grant application for southern Lake County fire station:** John Kester, Dan Dailey and Jeff Johnson presented an update on this project. The Climax grant application will be submitted by February 15, 2018. Chief Dailey has been working on this project for six years. He said that the fire department received 160 more calls than two years ago and 80 people are moving to Lake County every year. All three urged homeowners to address fire mitigation on their properties. Mitigation is critical as a matter of safety and in determining which homes are "savable." Jeff Johnson presented detailed drawings of the proposed facility. We'll need sweat equity and additional community contributions to complete the project.

**Fire evacuation drill: June 7, 2018.** This drill will begin around 10 am with a reverse 911 call ("exercise, exercise, exercise") and will finish by 1 pm with a free lunch for participants. Volunteers are needed (sign-up sheet circulated at the meeting -- contact Friends of Twin Lakes, if interested in volunteering).

**Forest Service (FS) items.**

- **Clean-up day in historic park (May 19, 2018).** In addition to the usual tasks, we will be taking down broken fence around parking lot (used rails will be available to participants for repurposing or burning) and erecting new fence; entire fence will ultimately be replaced. Picnic tables and entry framing on Visitor Center need painting. Shingles on Visitor Center need to be replaced. We may help FS recreation find a grant for shingle replacement.
- **Trail work.** Bob Mathes discussed building trails out of Twin Lakes to places where people want to go: (1) Visitor Center to the lake, (2) Visitor Center to the campground (a major project involving a mountain bike trail and a foot bridge) and (3) Willis Gulch Trail (rerouting the steep part of the trail). He'll organize half day trail work on weekends during summer months-- details to follow.
- **FS cost-share agreement.** Our cost-share agreement with FS ended without a replacement. FoTL emailed a proposed cost-share agreement to Mary Moore last fall. When there was no response, Kelly delivered a hard-copy to the Leadville office. Still no response. So John Kester took a copy and hand-delivered it to Mary Moore. Mary claimed it was the first time she had seen the email about the agreement. She's currently on assignment to Jackson Hole, WY; Jim Pitts (Salida FS ranger) is acting

ranger for the Leadville district while Mary's gone. Kelly put in a good word for the FS line workers who willingly go the extra mile.

- **Area FS archaeologist Cat Kamke.** We hope to meet with Cat sometime in March or early April to develop our plans for the area and discuss a new cost-share agreement.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Joan assured us that BINGO will return soon.
- Sign-up sheet was circulated for those who would like to receive free CPR /First Aid/AED training (date and time in last week of June to be determined).
- Sign-up sheet was circulated for those who would like to work on a Twin Lakes float in Boom Days parade (August 4th).
- Volunteer opportunity to help Chief Dailey 4-5 hrs. a week on administrative tasks during the school year. Contact Chief Dailey, if interested.

**Reminders:**

- Valentine pot luck tonight at the Inn (5:30 pm).
- A community yard sale will be added to the next FoTL meeting agenda for discussion.

**Next FoTL membership meetings:**

- **April 21, 2018** (10 am)
- **June 2, 2018** (9 am annual meeting -- 3 board members up for election to a 2-year term. Contact Kelly, if interested in running for election). NOTE CHANGED DATE.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.**

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**Presentation of new (proposed) development ("Angel View").** Alan Elias presented information about his plan for a new gated community on 70 acres across from White Star Campground. It should be operational in 2-3 years, depending on approvals and grants with up to 70 homes. Members of his project team at the meeting: Craig Schweiber (landscape architect), Tom Marcin (engineer) and Ruth Borne (attorney).

Alan also bought the General Store in 2017(Carl and Katie Bryan are moving to Idaho at the end of April). He plans to put together a committee from the TL community to help guide them in protecting this historic property.

Alan plans to move his family here in June for the summer and will hold an open house.