

Friends of Twin Lakes
Membership Meeting -April 21, 2018

Meeting began at 10:11 a.m.

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

FoTL minutes. Motion by Jeff Johnson and second by Joan Weber to approve FoTL minutes for February 10, 2018. Motion passed.

Status of funds. General fund as of 3/31: \$8,145.29. Special set asides as of 4/19: \$24,928.25 (\$21,954 is for the fire station from 54 donors, including some who gave in both 2014 and 2018; \$2,974.25 is for the Historic District).

FoTL dues clarification. \$20 per voting member which must be a natural born person who resides or owns property in southern Lake County (boundaries are on the map on the FoTL website). Non-voting members from outside of southern Lake County or corporations are \$10. If you pay dues with a check from your business, please clarify if you intend that they are for a non-voting membership for the corporation or for you individually.

Update on southern Lake County fire station grant applications. We will find out 4/26 if we made the cut for Climax grants with interviews on 5/2; DOLA grant interviews are in July in Cortez with awards on 8/1 (we may send a Twin Lakes support group to the interview). Depending on the contractor/construction type chosen, we could have a station open by mid-summer 2019.

Many thanks to FoTL members Jeff Johnson, Kelly Sweeney, Kurt Schweigert, Judy Leaming and John Kester for all that you did to create the best grant applications possible. Special thanks for the tireless work of Jeff Johnson on design, drafting and bid seeking. Thanks for the generous offers to provide in-kind labor and for your financial contributions. Jeff has fire station design drawings posted and will stay after the meeting so folks can view them and ask questions.

Grand Marshal preparations. Sign-up sheet circulated during meeting. Boom Days parade is August 4. Committee work will begin second week of June.

U.S. Travel Association. Meet at 10 am on April 22 in front of Interlaken on kayaks. A photo will be created to submit to U.S. Travel Association. By show of hands, spelling out "Twin Lakes" is preferred for the photo.

Interlaken presentation. April 23 at 6:30 pm (Lake County Library, 1115 Harrison Ave.) Janice Fox and Lexie Palmore will present information on Interlaken (past and present). It was suggested that FoTL schedule this presentation in the school house sometime this summer, if possible.

CPR/AED/First Aid training. Sign-up sheet circulated for free June 26 (9 am - 3pm) training. Tim Jaster, Judy Leaming and Kelly Sweeney will have the three radios provided by the Sheriff. Fire Chief, Dan Dailey, recommended assigning someone to test our AEDs once a month to be sure batteries are functional. Each location will be in charge of this test: General Store, Visitor Center and the Inn.

Report on trails and Forest Service Matters. Bob Mathes said the Forest Service is submitting an application for trail work (Twin Lakes to Red Rooster to power plant) which may be completed by 2019. Bob is working on a summer reroute of the trail FoTL adopted (Willis Gulch Trail) to prevent ongoing erosion and difficulty in using the trail. The trail work will begin Memorial weekend.

Visitor Center. Colleen Schweigert (Visitor Center Coordinator) said that in 2017 FoTL staffed the Visitor Center 108 days/648 hours. We received over \$1,200 in donations for the Forest Service and served over 7,400 people. The Visitor Center is open every day during the summer months (10-4). This year it will be open 109 days/654 hours. Volunteers are needed on Friday afternoon and on Saturday. All volunteers are encouraged to take the CPR training since the Visitor Center is the most likely place where this skill might be needed.

Heritage Museum. John Kester has volunteered to make contact with the Heritage Museum to obtain Twin Lakes artifacts and combine forces with other organizations in maximizing our efforts to preserve the area and historical features. Kurt Schweigert is the board member working on this project.

Dog poop update. FoTL has reached out to the Forest Service after receiving complaints about the amount of dog waste in the Historic Park. FoTL will work with Jim Fiorelli after he returns from vacation April 24 -- looking into a designated area for dogs. Please clean up after your dog.

Native Nations seminars. Judy Leaming offered four Native Nations seminars: Ute Nation + Jurisdiction (U.S. federal court/state court/native justice systems) + 2-part Introduction/history of Indian Country. Best days/times for these seminars to be determined. Survey monkey will be sent out for member input.

Islam and the West. Ahmed Ghais is willing to offer his lectures on Islam and the West, including a new subject (Arab-Israeli dispute). Considerable interest was expressed, so these lectures will be scheduled for Saturdays, beginning with the new seminar subject.

Community yard sale. There are a number of valuable items from Wes Duran's estate (being stored in garages) that might be of interest to the community. Perhaps a yard sale could be held at the close of FoTL annual meeting. Suggestion was made to bring in a dumpster so that (at the end of the yard sale) members could dump unsold/unwanted items and have them hauled off.

Community cleanup day in Leadville. Mike Bordogna (Leadville Lake County Economic Development Corporation) shared information about community cleanup day (June 2) in Leadville. Two for one coupons will be available at the land fill. The city is coordinating this event (486-2092). During previous years this event included a Turquoise Lake cleanup. Trash along the shoreline of Twin Lakes could be a part of this event.

FoTL board elections. Elections will be held at the annual meeting for three 2-year board terms. Kelly Sweeney, Kurt Schweigert and Judy Leaming, are members in good standing who currently serve on the board have expressed interest in being considered for reelection. If you are interested in serving on the board, email your interest to friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com. You must be a voting member in good standing to run for election.

Twin Lakes Traveler. Jim and Lexie spoke about the need for articles and ads for the 2018 summer edition. The publication is free. FoTL is exploring the possibility of a contribution from the Lake County Tourism Panel.

Cloud City Farm Open House on Earth Day. This event is scheduled for April 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. Kurt Schweigert has been involved with this group.

Fire evacuation exercise. DISCUSSION STARTED AT 10:45. Mike McHargue, Director of Office of Emergency Management, spoke about the extreme fire danger in Colorado. There are 15 fires in Colorado and 100,000 acres have already burned, a pattern normally seen in August. With high wind velocity, embers can travel a mile away. He urged everyone to have a "Go Bag" ready since you may have to leave within 5 minutes. Discussion about installing fire danger signs on the highway coming into Twin Lakes (both directions).

Mike also urged homeowners to address fire mitigation on their properties. Mitigation is critical as a matter of safety and in determining which homes are "savable." Dan Dailey said now is the time to mitigate since chainsaws will not be allowed under a fire ban. Caroline Shaffer will return to help with mitigation. Text her on her phone number: [503-539-9483](tel:503-539-9483).

They would like to have 40 households evacuate during this exercise so they can test areas of concern, e.g., roads, deputies, sheltering, livestock, medical surge at the hospital. Volunteers are needed (sign-up sheet circulated at the meeting). Contact Friends of Twin Lakes, if you're interested in volunteering.

Reminders:

- **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 and erecting a new fence.
- **Next FoTL membership meeting. June 2, 2018** (9 am annual meeting) Three board members are up for election to a 2-year term. Contact Kelly, if interested in running for board election.
- **Fire evacuation exercise: June 7, 2018.** This exercise will begin around 10 am with a reverse 911 call and will finish by 1 pm with a free lunch for participants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.