

-- Friends of Twin Lakes --
Annual Membership Meeting
June 2, 2018

Meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

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

FoTL minutes. Motion by Anita Mason; second by Kurt Schweigert to approve FoTL minutes for April 21, 2018. Motion passed.

Status of funds. \$28,725 set aside for fire station plus \$50,000 from Climax Community Fund + \$20,000 from Alan Elias/Angel View (Alan will give his match after we get the DOLA grant) = \$98,725 from FoTL efforts. \$3,387.52 set aside for the Historic District. \$7,985.29 in general operating fund account.

FoTL board election. Three board positions were open; candidates were Kelly Sweeney, Kurt Schweigert and Judy Leaming. Floor was opened for additional nominations; none were made. Motion by Jeff Johnson to approve all three candidates by consensus. Second by Colleen Schweigert. Motion approved unanimously.

Update on southern Lake County fire station. We received the check for \$50,000 from Climax Community Fund. We submitted two conditional use permits for the fire station (location is currently zoned Agricultural/Forestry). One is to build a safety service (fire station) and the other is for a telecommunications tower on site for radio/satellite communications. In addition, we had to submit a height variance permit application as the tower will be at least four, possibly six, feet above the height ceiling. There is a mandatory meeting on June 11th with contractors interested in submitting proposals and bids. Bids will be opened on July 10th at a Commissioners' meeting.

Historic District renomination. Kurt Schweigert reported on plans for completing a Historic District renomination for the National Register. If this is successful, eligible properties within the Historic District could receive tax credits and grants to maintain historic nature of those properties. Kurt said it should be finished during the next few months.

Zoning and design criteria for Twin Lakes. Kurt Schweigert provided an overview on work he and others are doing to develop design criteria (to preserve the integrity and character of our rural mountain village) and possible zoning changes for the residential portions of Twin Lakes and Gordon Acres. ***This is not a FoTL sponsored project and was provided for information purposes only.***

Forest Service family/multigenerational event on Mt. Elbert July 21-22. This event is limited to 30 participants. It's an opportunity to work with young people, some of whom have never had a camping experience. Contact the Forest Service if you'd like to participate.

Emergency/evacuation training June 4th. On Monday, June 4th (5:15 pm), Mike McHargue will provide this training at the school house. You do not have to participate in the Lake County evacuation exercise on June 7th to take part in this training. This is valuable information for everyone. Mike will discuss emergency "go-bags," including medications and papers (e.g., second home owners should carry a copy of electric bills or other proof of Lake County home ownership) that should be readily available for any emergency evacuation.

Fire evacuation exercise June 7th. More volunteers are needed for this exercise. Around 10 am there will be a reverse 911 call ("exercise, exercise, exercise") and the fire evacuation will begin. Everyone is urged to register cell phones on the reverse 911 emergency call list.

CPR/AED/First Aid training June 26th. FoTL members were encouraged to participate in free CPR/AED/first aid training on June 26 (9 am - 3pm). There are AEDs and first aid equipment at the Visitor Center and the "Twin Lakes Fire Station" (John Kester and Anita Mason have access). The General Store and the Inn also have AEDs. There are water bags and fire extinguishers at the Visitor Center.

Wes Duran estate sale and yard sale July 21st. Items from Wes Duran's estate will be inside the school house (e.g., stamp collection, engravings, Hummels depression glass, books). Proceeds go to FoTL. Individuals from the community can bring items for the yard sale which will be outside, it is up to the sellers whether they want to donate any portion of their proceeds to FoTL.

Forum night. There was interest in setting up a forum night where we could meet any state or local candidates interested in coming to hear our concerns and questions. This event would take place after the primary elections.

Fire awareness. Anita Mason presented information about the extreme fire danger in Colorado. The Arkansas River basin is at 59% of normal. The Rio is at 8%. Moisture level in trees is at 6%. It's critical that homeowners continue to mitigate the fire danger on their property. Although there's no fire ban in Lake County now, the danger is "high." No fires are allowed on Forest Service land in Salida/Chaffee County except in campgrounds. We anticipate Lake County's Forest Service land will join in the fire ban. Anita recommended carrying a shovel in your vehicle.

Fire mitigation information is available on the FoTL website under "fire protection." Combustible shrubs/slash material can be taken to the landfill (free) or possibly in the old rock quarry across from Parry Peak Campground. Caroline Shaffer may have funds to help with mitigation again this year. The Forest Service is putting a fire level sign near the Visitor Center.

Locked garbage dumpster at the Visitor Center. FoTL has permission from the Forest Service to put a dumpster by the Visitor Center. However, the Forest Service cannot pay for it. With the summer closure of the Highway 24/CR 10 garbage collection site, locals are more burdened with trash disposal.

The cost of a dumpster is \$60/month and \$20 per pick-up. The contract would be with FoTL. Costs might be covered by donations and possibly a monthly member subscription for locals (Pan-Ark charges + or -\$15/month). Visitor Center volunteers will be polled to see if they're willing to add responsibility for collecting funds and unlocking the dumpster for visitors and locals. Suggestion: put metal box on pole to collect payment from locals. Colleen Schweigert has prepared an estimate of payments needed to cover costs.

Concern was expressed about issues with other dumpsters and trash left in places such as the front door of the General Store or thrown into the lakes. A straw poll was taken on whether to do this pilot project. The majority was in favor of sending a Survey Monkey to the membership, seeking feedback on whether FoTL should test drive a dumpster.

Reminders:

- **Seminars.** Working on dates. Information to follow.
- **Trail on-call group.** Bob Mathes needs a group of volunteers who might be available to help with trail work.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.