

Friends of Twin Lakes Member Meeting 7/7/18

Meeting began at 9:07 a.m.

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

FoTL minutes. Motion by Susie Kester + second by Carl Wagner to approve FoTL minutes for June 2, 2018. Motion passed.

Status of funds. \$29,225 funds raised for fire station + \$50,000 from Climax Community Fund + \$20,000 from Alan Elias/Angel View (Alan will give his match after we get the DOLA grant) = \$99,725 from FoTL efforts. \$3,387.52 set aside for the Historic District. \$8,505.29 in general operating fund account. Outstanding bill from Orkin for rodent control in the school house roof.

FoTL board officers (2018-2019). Kelly Sweeney will continue to serve as president, Kurt Schweigert, as vice-president, and Judy Leaming, as secretary. Anita Mason and Joan Weber serve as at-large representatives.

Update on southern Lake County fire station (aka, Fire Station 2). We received the variance permit for the fire station tower; we have two conditional use permit hearings and a site visit on July 9th at 4 pm; contractor bids will be opened at the Lake County Commission Board meeting on July 10th at 1 pm; we go before the DOLA grant review board in Cortez at 10:30 on July 17th. There will be a site plan review hearing on July 23, 2018.

Fire mitigation. Caroline Schaefer who has been coordinating mitigation and chipping efforts has moved to Vermont. Her successor is J.T. Shaver, Forester, Colorado State Forest Service, Salida Field Office, j.t.shaver@colostate.edu (Office: 719-539-2579). The State Forest Service received another grant for fire mitigation. There was discussion about needing a letter describing mitigation completed (for insurance purposes). Forest Service likely to be concerned about liability. Not likely to receive a mitigation letter.

Report on July 2nd "meet and greet" with the Forest Service. On Monday, July 2nd, the Forest Service held a "meet and greet" in their Leadville garage, seeking public input on personnel changes having the Sallida District Ranger serve as the Leadville District Ranger, too. It seemed to those in attendance that this was only a pretense to justify a decision that had already been made.

Stage 2 Fire Ban in Lake County went into effect on July 3rd. Gas grills can be used so long as they have an on/off switch.

Boom Days Parade. John Kester and Kelly Sweeney will ride the Stagecoach as representatives of FoTL in the Boom Days Parade. All of Friends of Twin Lakes are the Grand

Marshals. We hope as many of you as possible will sit on our flatbed float or walk alongside the float during the parade on August 4th at 10 am. T-shirts were distributed for those who pre-ordered.

Trash bin at Visitor Center. For locals/property owners/residents that use the trash bin, we are operating on a good faith basis for payment. You can pay at the Visitor Center or pay at FoTL meetings or mail a check. This program must pay for itself or it will be discontinued. For instructions on lock operation and codes, please email friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com. We will send code updates to all who sign up via email. Trash will be picked up on Bingo days.

Upcoming events:

- **Bingo (6 pm)** will be held every other Wednesday. Next gathering is July 11th in the school house, then every other Wednesday thereafter
- **July 7 (5-6:45 pm): Evolution of Islam, Interaction with West** presented by Dr. Ahmad Ghais at the school house to provide insight and understanding into the issues surrounding Islamic extremism.
- **July 14 (1-2 pm): Ute Nation in Colorado** will be presented by Hanley Frost, Sr., Education Coordinator, Southern Ute Culture Department, and Judy Leaming, retired attorney who worked with Native Nations over 30 yrs
- **Native Nations Seminars** (historical/cultural seminars from a Tribal perspective) presented by Judy Leaming in the school house. **July 18 (5:30-7 pm):** Introduction to Native Nations (Part I). **August 1 (5:30-7 pm):** Introduction to Native Nations (Part II). **August 15 (5:30-7 pm):** Native Justice Systems/ Jurisdiction.
- **July 21 (8 am) Estate sale and yard sale.** Items from Wes Duran's estate will be inside the school house (e.g., engravings, Hummels depression glass, books). Proceeds go to FoTL. Individuals from the community can bring items for the yard sale which will be outside. Mark your own prices and it is up to you if you want to donate all or part of sales to Friends of Twin Lakes.
- **August 2 (6 pm): Hydration, thirst, dehydration and altitude,** presented by Cathy Wagner, CRNA, MS. Do they really matter that much? A discussion of how much water we should drink daily, not only at sea level, but at high altitudes. Why thirst changes as we age. What happens to our body when we become dehydrated and how dangerous hydration is.
- **August 4 Boom Days Parade:** FoTL Grand Marshals!
- **August 7 and 9 (6-8 pm): the Appalachians and History of Bluegrass** This two-part series will be presented by Roy Sovine in the school house.
- **August 26 (4:45 pm): Annual Community Picnic** at the school house.

Next FoTL meeting: Saturday, August 11 (9 am).

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am. Motion to adjourn by Joan Weber + second by Scott Malinsky.