

Member Meeting Friends of Twin Lakes November 10, 2018

Meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

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

FoTL minutes. Motion by Carl Wagner + second by Jeff Johnson to approve FoTL minutes for September 22, 2018. Motion passed.

Status of funds. \$10,142.70 general fund (still owe \$1,000 from Duran estate sale to Fire Station account; paid \$1,000 to Lake County Disaster Fund. \$50,046.15 in Community Bank account, spent \$39,848 for steel (pre-tariff price), waiting for \$20,000 donation from Alan Elias/Angelview. Chief Dailey gave him until November. \$3,396 of Community Bank account is Historic District funds.

Trash program. We have switched to one pick-up per month and will stop the program when funds are depleted. Please give your payments to Schweigerts or Kelly Sweeney or mail them to Friends of Twin Lakes, 231 Lang, Twin Lakes, CO 81251. We appreciate how well the honor system for payment is working. *If the program cannot fund itself, we will alert you before bin access is removed.*

Report on Wood Chipping Day (10-17-18). Seven sites were completed (one site was a combination of 3+ lots). You can schedule a free wildfire mitigation assessment with Carrie Howard (Wildland-Urban Interface Mitigation Specialist). For contact information + helpful slides see www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/fire-protection. If you missed chipping day, we hope to do another chipping day next year. Also, we may try to get a group of volunteers to help people with vacant lots to move their downfall to the roads to be chipped.

Theater. There was positive feedback on staging two different plays in December. Jim Leaming has offered to do "This Wonderful Life" and he and his wife (Carmen Roman) can do a readers' theater version of "Botanic Garden" as well. They have been away from "Botanic Garden" for a while and don't feel comfortable doing a fully staged show. Jim has transition music from the "Botanic Garden" tour last winter. Andy has offered to open the Inn following these shows.

Report on St. Vincent's CEO (Gary Campbell) visit). This was a worthwhile discussion. He will return next summer when more FoTL members are here.

Parade of Lights (November 30th). A sign-up sheet was circulated. Carl Wagner offered to chair the committee.

Fire Station 2. Peak 360 has responsibility for over-all coordination and the steel building (which is being built in North Dakota). Homecrafters is responsible for the operations building. Different state requirements (for modular buildings) resulted in some revisions in the plan. A paramedic and ambulance will be located in the fire station 24/7. The foundation has been prepared and there are two trailers on site.

Water is limited: usage in operations will be metered + usage for filling fire trucks with water for fire suppression will be metered separately. Fire trucks will be washed at a different location.

Tom McClelland was recommended as a speaker on water issues.

We plan to show the PBS program from Leadville to Lamar about the Arkansas River usage and have a quest panel of water leads from Lake County.

Trails. Sign-up sheet was circulated for those who would like to serve on a committee on area trails and work on trail priorities.

Forest Service. Forest Service is supposed to announce the new Forest Ranger for the Leadville District today. Kurt Schweigert will contact the new ranger about the FoTL cost-share agreement. Jacqueline Buchanan, Deputy Regional Forester, offered to help FoTL. We'll copy her as we work on the new cost-share agreement. A separate volunteer agreement is in place that we execute each year for trail and Historic Park work/staffing.

- **Tarps.** Schweigerts donated tarps after the Forest Service said we couldn't use the funds FoTL collected in the Visitor Center and the Forest Service couldn't use their credit card for this purchase. A FS employee frustrated about the situation provided additional tarps from the trail work stash—now we just need a dry roof and good weather to try to install them.

Bingo. Bingo might be scheduled once a month during winter (but not in December). Joan will talk with John Kester and Anita Mason about overseeing Bingo while she's gone.

Twin Lakes Village property to be sold. Lynn Adkins is planning to sell her properties in Twin Lakes. FoTL member Sally Fleitmeir recommended that we explore FoTL usage of the building next to the Twin Lakes Inn Annex. This was a blacksmith shop which could be renovated and used for interpretive displays. Motion to pursue this option by Colleen Schweigert + second by Cathy Wagner. Motion passed.

Reminder of upcoming events:

- **"Groundhog Day" movie:** November 16th at the Schweigerts (6 pm).
- **Alpine Orchestra 2018 fall concerts:**
 - Friday, November 16, in Leadville: Old Church, 801 Harrison (7:30 pm)
 - Saturday, Nov. 17, in Salida: SteamPlant, Sackett & G Street (7:30 pm)
 - Sunday, Nov. 18, in Buena Vista: Clearview Community Church (3 pm)
- **Next FoTL meeting:** Saturday, January 19, 2019 (10 am).

- **Everyone's a Sweetheart in Twin Lakes:** Saturday, February 16th or Friday, February 15th, 2019.
- **St. Patrick's Day:** Saturday, March 16, 2019.
- **FoTL meeting:** Saturday, April 27, 2019 (10 am).

Other Business: Balltown Minimotors will donate \$5 to FoTL for each oil change through December 31st (for folks with 81251 or 80461 zip code). Basic oil change is \$20 plus cost of oil filter and oil. Contact JR Fearneyhough (719-971-8121), his office (970-389-7302) or balltownminimotors@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn by Larry Marcum + second by Susie Ragsdale. Motion passed.

Special Guest: Lake County Public Library Director, Brena Smith, spoke about the networks, databases and collections available through the library. The library website is: www.lakecountypubliclibrary.org.

They are accepting book donations, but don't have space to store them right now. They plan to set up monthly times to drop off donations.

She encouraged everyone to come check out the local history collection which includes Colorado Mountain History. Contact Janice Fox for help with Twin Lakes history research.

John Kester brought the census records for the Twin Lakes school. He made a beautiful wooden box to hold and protect the records which will be kept at the school house.

Presentation completed at 11:30.