

## Member Meeting Friends of Twin Lakes January 25, 2020

**Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.**

**Board of Directors.** Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Judy Leaming, Secretary; Larry Marcum, At-large Director; Susie Ramsdell, At large Director.

**FoTL minutes.** Motion by Susie Kester to approve the October 2019 minutes and seconded by Susie Ramsdell. Motion carried.

**Status of funds.** As of January 17: Operating account \$13,737.11 + \$84 deposit to be made (\$517 is for garbage bin fund at Heritage Park). \$2,965 gross cookbook sales collected. Designated accounts of Heritage Park (\$2,103) and Fire Station 2 (\$21,556.53). We've already made our \$52,000 contribution directly to Lake County; the rest will be used to pay for or reimburse fixture/finish costs. FS2 received \$3,000 gift card from Lowe's.

### **Twin Lakes Cookbook.**

- Up front printing costs (\$5,952.22) were paid by Mark Graff (Interlaken Investments). Motion by Daryl Manning to use \$3,000 from general fund to pay for cookbook costs that was seconded by Rita Sovine. Motion carried. This will be from all income from cookbook sales to reimburse Mark before we take our donations.
- As a 501(c)(3), FoTL is only allowed 12 sale dates per year and then will switch to distribution and sales at the Twin Lakes Inn, Mt. Elbert Lodge, the Twin Lakes General Store + other local businesses. Motion by Kathy O'Leary to increase sales price to \$35 for everyone on March 17th + second by Carl Wagner. Motion carried. This will simplify bookkeeping for local businesses.

### **Winter FoTL events.**

- Everyone's a Sweetheart. Potluck at the Inn on Sunday, February 16th.
- St. Patrick's Day. Community potluck at the Inn on Sunday, March 15th.
- Bingo. Next Bingo is February 19th (5:30) in the schoolhouse.

**Noxious weeds.** Kurt Schweigert has been working with Kayla Malone and the Forest Service (Jim Fiorelli) on noxious weed issues in Twin Lakes. We may be able to obtain a state grant for replacing noxious weeds with native wild flowers.

### **Heritage Park.**

- Red Rooster (Visitor Center). We may be able to replace 40-yr-old cedar shingles with synthetic shingles (50-yr-warranty, easy to install, virtually fire proof, but more expensive).
- Assayer's Office. More on this at the next meeting.

**Fire Station 2 (FS2)**. The following information was provided by Commissioner Kayla Marcella and Attorney Chris Floyd.

- The county has terminated the contract on FS2, is seeking information from the contractor (Peak 360) about work completed and plans to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for a new contractor and project manager at the same time (could take 14-30 days to complete RFP process). The county plans to take FS2 to completion by the end of the summer.
- We may not be able to provide answers to some of the questions from FoTL members because FS2 may go into litigation.
- The investigation into work completed on the project is on-going. Still waiting for Peak 360 to provide documentation.
- FS2 is going forward without sufficient information to provide estimate of cost to complete the project.
- PUC and Xcel Energy may help with costs.
- Leadville may provide additional funding for FS2.
- The county doesn't have sufficient funds to employ a full-time inspector. The county engineer is overseeing the airport project and is not available to help with FS2.
- County insurance won't allow volunteer work on a project that must be bonded. The county doesn't have funds for an insurance rider.
- They don't have enough information to determine responsibility for the faulty concrete. Their objective is not to point fingers at anybody.
- The county appreciates Jeff Johnson's help. (FoTL members gave Jeff an enthusiastic ovation to express thanks for all his work.)
- They don't know the completion stage (or payment made) for modular construction. Four (or possibly 6) modulars + parts of tower are partially constructed.
- A consultant found billing irregularities which require documentation for a final determination.
- They don't have information to answer FoTL question about whether the foundations are missing something. The new contractor will make this determination.
- Bud Elliott clarified his comment about FS2. He's a big supporter of FS2 and was referencing the contractor (Peak 360) when he said the county was "hoodwinked."
- Dan Dailey can answer questions about what can be done to help Twin Lakes with fire protection while FS2 is being completed.

**Public Works.** This information was provided by Brad Palmer and Mike Irwin from Public Works.

- They have funds to put magnesium chloride on county roads this summer to keep the dust down.
- They've met with the Forest Service about moving the Interlocken trail head parking lot towards the dam to protect cultural artifacts.
- Signs on county roads must be approved by the federal government. If the community needs signs, let them know and they'll work with us.

**FoTL meetings.**

- April 25 member meeting. Send septic/water questions to [friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftwinlakes@gmail.com) for Jackie Littlepage by February 5th.
- Annual meeting May 30. Three director positions to be elected at this meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.** Motion to adjourn by Judy Leaming. Second by Colleen Schweigert. Motion carried.