

Friends of Twin Lakes Monthly Member Meeting
July 20, 2021

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Virtual meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Board of Directors: Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Beth Manning, Secretary; Larry Marcum, and Susie Ramsdell, at large directors.

1. Introduction and information from both Commissioner Fiedler and Marcella on status of Fire Station 2 and other Board of Commissioner comments/questions.
 - a. Commissioner Marcella reported fire station 2 is starting to take shape
 - Steel is in place and coated for rust protection.
 - Nailing down date for certificate of occupancy in the future
 - Pursuing claim against previous contractor
 - Staying on new budget so far
 - Hope to be dried in before winter snow
 - 6-9 months completion date, 2022.
 - b. Commissioner Marcella reported on
 - County wide wildfire mitigation push taking place
 - Childcare coalition. Master plan needed. Awarding contract to consultant on Thursday to ensure proactive planning appropriately
 - Local transportation planning consultant bid to be awarded first week in August
 - c. Commissioner Fiedler reported
 - Professional operations hired two human resources personnel
 - Director for Financial Department. Right now, only a two person department
 - Interviewing for County Manager to get core department in place (120 employees). This will lessen day to day oversight by the 3 elected county commissioners
 - d. Commissioner Marcella discussed
 - Pressure from neighbor communities over expanded growth
 - Board needs to be more focused on projects rather than oversight of office workers
 - Summit County has only 2% land left for development
2. Review and approval of annual meeting minutes: <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/June-2021-Annual-Member-Meeting-3.pdf>
 - a. Kurt Schweigert moved approval Larry Marcum seconded. Motion passed
3. **Status of Funds.**
 - a. **Operating Account 6/30/21 \$12,648.57** (not including recent paypal deposits that have not gone into our accounts) (\$2,505 in contributions reserved for garbage service payments and we have purchased some of the \$6 Yellow Bags).
 - **Thanks to those who have already done so and--REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES! We currently have 111 paid memberships for 2021 (up 16 since last meeting). Pay online at: <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/donate-now/> or mail your check to Friends of Twin Lakes, 231 Lang St., Twin Lakes, CO 81251. (Please and thank you!)**
 - FYI- we had 133 paid memberships in 2019 and only 95 paid memberships in 2020 which is understandable in the wonky world of Covid-19—however, that is a likely loss of \$760.
 - b. **Designated Accounts 6/30/21 \$ \$ 40,354.60**
 - Dexter Cabin: \$668.00

- Heritage Projects: \$10,064.27 (increase because of \$2500 transfer from operating account in Jan. donations of \$5370.47 - we only spent \$466.63 for plywood, roofing paper, screws, adhesive and spreader-the rest was donated). **NOTE: THIS INCLUDES \$600 IN MATCHES FROM SANGRE DE CRISTO FOR THE HERITAGE FUND!**
- Fire Station 2 fixture finish funds: \$29,602 (we also have \$3000 in gift cards from Lowes and \$3500 that will be paid for some appliances from LT 100 Foundation AND we have **already contributed** \$52,000 to construction). Funds are important because we can leverage these funds with a USDA grant.
 1. 2019 we raised \$13,837; we also had 2 major fundraising events.
 2. 2020 we raised \$7644; we had no fundraising events.
 3. You can purchase a branch for \$1000 or a leaf for \$100 on the donation tree that will be displayed in the fire station

4. Update on Clean Up/Work Projects:

- Al & Laila Dawson, Carl Wagner, Darren & Jeannine Ravenscraft, David Smith, Mai-Lan Huynh, Jon Floyd, Ian Floyd, Robert Krehbiel & Kelly Sweeney have dedicated time since our last meeting to ongoing cleanup/rehabilitation efforts ranging from sanding/painting/staining, raking, picking up garbage, weed whacking, mowing, cutting and moving logs, etc.
- We did get a donated picnic table to place in the beaver pond area and hope to refurbish it with the old wood from the table that Carl and Robert rebuilt.
- We have had amazing volunteer help at the Visitor Center. Thanks Colleen Schweigert for coordinating the many volunteers and thanks to each of you who make a difference by working there!
- **Volunteers are working on 3 benches to be placed either by the beaver ponds or along the Moache Trail**

5. Update on Clarion rehabilitation efforts (we have \$10,0644 in Heritage funds):

- We were not selected to pursue a Climax Community Fund for a grant to do the asbestos abatement while we remove the broken sidewalk, regrade, replace with gravel, haul materials, shore up 2 sides of the porch and likely remove the front porch for safety reasons.
- We can try for a standalone small grant from Climax, but it would require a significant match to get some portion of \$10,000 from them.
 - This may be the only way to get the back building remediated.
 - Discuss contributing up to \$5000 toward project which hopefully could be completed with \$13,000.
 - If approved, Kelly is willing to make this effort.
 - Motion was made by Susie Ramsdell to contribute \$5000 toward the project to apply for a Climax grant. Seconded Larry Marcum. Motion passed.
- We are struggling with band width to make the necessary progress to seek a planning grant from State Historical Fund. The 2015 assessment of the Clarion site needs to be updated as the site has deteriorated since that time. Is there anyone who could take on this work to find an expert and draft the grant application? We have not been able to find an expert available to do the updated assessment.
 - Kurt Schweigert agreed to contact the Andersons, retired architects, to see if they might be willing to help. Susie Ramsdell suggested contacting the Independence Pass Foundation about help. Stephanie Wagner will give a name to Kelly of someone who might be willing to help with the asbestos remediation.

- 6. We are working on getting a special event permit for our annual picnic but have run into vacation/workload issues on the side of the county to get information needed to complete the application.

7. Discussion of ideas for activities and volunteers to coordinate the activities.
 - Should we try to get the noxious weed expert to come educate us?
 - Discussion was positive on this issue
 - Trivia night interest?
 - Malia French Floyd agreed to coordinate this for a one-time trial
 - Best nights/times for activities?
 - Help with movie night? Next movie is “A Book Thief” and then “Second Hand Lions.”
 - This was discussed and it was suggested that it should held on Wednesday, August 4

 - Save the dates—
 - Beach Clean Up is 8/5 from 9-12; then 9/9 for final clean up
 - Annual Picnic is hopefully on 8/29 from 4:45 to 6:45
 - We have people who would like to speak to us when/how, next meeting limit to 10-15 minutes, such as CASA, Advocates, etc. Members supported this community support.
 - Community Dinner—Save the Date 9-25 in Leadville tables of 8
 - We love Lake County is the theme
 - Hospital Update with Covid—Dr. Lisa in August
 - Board suggested either Dr. Lisa or St. Vincent representative for August meeting.
 - Cathy Wagner suggested she could do a presentation on forgetfulness as you age. Possibly early September.
8. Other Business
 - Assayer’s office progress
 - Plan for where things will go
 - List of artifacts being sought
 - Stephanie Wagner and her husband Jeff can help with this
 - Pan Ark Special District Proposal update—hearing on Thursday at 1:00 pm
 - Carl Wagner talked about the you tube video of Jeff Ashby pinning astronaut wings on Jeff Bezos and those on the flight with him.
 - Kelly talked about the cardboard recycling bin placed in town
 - Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 17, at 5:30 pm
9. **A motion to adjourn was made by Daryl Manning and seconded by Susie Ramsdell. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.**