

Friends of Twin Lakes Member Meeting August, 20 2021

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

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

1. Per member input, we devoted 10-15 minutes of the meeting to showcase some of the committed organizations working to make Lake County stronger!
 - a. Program Coordinator/Director Janine Mariani of CASA of the Continental Divide (CASACD) briefed us on how the non-profit serves local children in Colorado's 5th Judicial District, which includes Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, and Summit Counties. Janine stated she works primarily in Lake and Summit Counties.
 - CASACD recruits, trains, supervises, and mentors community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of victims of child abuse, neglect, and severe domestic conflict in court.
 - CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court and in the community. Each assigned volunteer advocate conducts independent investigations, is in direct contact with the child, and gets to know the child so they can represent the child's best interests. In this way the child has a voice in the court, someone on their side during a difficult time that can drastically affect their wellbeing, safety, and future.
 - The desired result is that children be placed in safe, loving homes where they can thrive.
 - Janine stated that she actively recruits and trains volunteers.
 - She is looking for new members for the CASACD board. No one from Lake County is currently on the board.
 - There are two new Lake County Advocates that have been brought on board, both of whom are teachers.
 - One volunteer for one child will often work with the child for over a year or beyond as support/advocate for them.
 - Question from a FOTL member about whether volunteers who travel could be part of the program. Janine said presently all courts currently meet by zoom so they could participate for actual court dates. Volunteers must meet face to face with the child they are assigned to.
 - b. Stephanie Wagner reported on social media for FOTL, i.e., Facebook and Instagram.
 - Stephanie is using photos of southern Lake County and Twin Lakes on the FOTL Facebook and Instagram accounts. She also plans to meet with local businesses and get photos to post. The Herald Democrat will help promote the social media presence by encouraging users to like the FOTL pages.
 - Regarding the Clarion Hotel, Stephanie's personal goal is to raise \$10,000 toward the asbestos abatement. She wants to do a web based silent auction, to launch on September 15 a month prior to the Sparkle Fest event, on October 16 at Freight. This event will run from 3 to 7. It will be a ticketed event. Freight will sell food and beverages. The venue will be available for free. If anyone wants to donate to the auction, contact Stephanie Wagner, stephwagner11@icloud.com. The Herald Democrat will provide advertising for the event. Stephanie is trying to secure live music.
 - Sparklefest is a legacy event to honor Bud Elliott that will be used to raise money for local non-profits. Consistent with Bud's commitment to heritage projects, this year's recipient would be for the fund to maintain the Clarion
 - c. Brittney Woodrum, Executive Director of St. George's Food Pantry and Meal program.
 - Since 1994 focused on providing healthy community meals.

- St. George's responded in herculean fashion during the worst of the Covid-19 food insecurity. The pantry was open seven days a week and provided hot meals five days a week.
 - Because of transportation issues for many clients, the Mobile Food Pantry was born. It is a half sized school bus with refrigerators and freezers allowing the pantry to bring food to the clients.
 - Community meals have always been a cornerstone. St. George is going through a renovation and expansion of their kitchen to provide more meals and provide other support services to the community and repurpose donated foods.
2. Commissioner Fiedler was out of town learning about Aurora water rights. Neither Commissioner Marcella or Lake County Health Director Colleen Nielsen were available.
 - a. Commissioner Fiedler said they are meeting daily with Lake County Public Health. There is not currently a plan to go back under a full emergency management but are encouraging individuals and businesses to act responsibly.
 - b. Two people in community who were fully vaccinated got breakthrough cases. The numbers yesterday were 14 new cases.
 - c. Firestation 2: Until the county approves building permits on the new way that the operations center will be constructed, construction is at a standstill.
 3. Review and approval of annual meeting minutes: <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/July-2021-Member-Meeting.pdf>
 - a. Susie Kester moved to approve the minutes. Susie Ramsdell seconded. Motion passed.
 4. **Status of Funds.**
 - a. **Operating Account 7/31/21 \$12,794.61; (\$2,299 in contributions reserved for garbage service payments).**
 - **Thanks to those who have already done so and--REMINDER TO PAY YOUR DUES! We currently have 124 paid memberships for 2021 (up 13 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!)**
 - b. **Designated Accounts 6/30/21 \$ 40,638.28 (as of 8/14 it was \$41,475.27)**
 - Dexter Cabin: \$668.00
 - Heritage Projects: \$ 11,144.77
 - Fire Station 2 fixture finish funds: \$29,642 (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.

5. Update on Projects/FOTL outreach:

- Thanks to Stephanie Wagner who created Friends of Twin lakes Instagram and Facebook Accounts. These accounts will expand our reach to potential supporters.
- Thanks to Stephanie for her efforts on Sparklefest to raise money for the Clarion, see below.
- Thanks to Malia Floyd who is working on templates to make our weekly emails easier to navigate and view. She will assist in formatting most future emails.
- Thanks to TWIN LAKES INN AND TWIN LAKES GENERAL STORE for providing cold beverages and snacks following hard work by the LEAVE NO TRACE VOLUNTEERS: Joan Weber, Jan Morzel, John Kester, Steve Stevens Rosanne Dreher, Anne Bond, Donna Childress, Al and Laila Dawson, Katie Held, Susie Ramsdell, Barbara Marcum, Jeannine and Darren Ravenscraft, Jim Leaming, Janet Greene, Rick Davison and Kelly Sweeney.

- Steve Stevens, Rosanne Dreher and Kelly Sweeney helped on the **Stage and Rail Trail Project**. This is a proposed hiking/biking route from Salida, CO to Leadville CO following the historic stagecoach road and railroad corridors.
 - **The project needs volunteers on August 28 and 29.** They invite volunteers to "come get your hands dirty" and help improve an important connector on the Stage & Rail Trail.
- Darren and Jeannine Ravenscraft are touching up paint around the Schoolhouse exterior.
- Robert Krehbiel with saw cutting help from Brad DeWitt, crafted a prototype park bench to place on the Moache trail—3 more to be made.
- Kelly Sweeney did weed whacking and trimming of vegetation between the Visitor Center and nearby buildings.
- Don Westfall removed noxious weeds around the Visitor Center Parking lot.
- 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!

6. **Update on Clarion rehabilitation efforts:**

- Stephanie Wagner presents information about Sparklefest an event to honor Bud Elliott that will be used to raise money for local non-profits. Consistent with Bud's commitment to heritage projects, this year's recipient would be for the fund to maintain the Clarion.
- We plan on trying for a stand alone small grant from Climax using the \$5,000 members agreed could be contributed to get some portion of \$10,000 from them.
- We continue to try to engage an expert available to do a management plan for the Clarion project which would help revise the priorities for maintenance/repairs from the 2015 Assessment.

7. **INFORMATION ON LT 100 PARKING, ETC. FOR SATURDAY WITH UPDATES.**

- Kelly talked about traffic, parking and road closures for the race. You will need a parking pass to park in town.
- People are asked not to bring dogs.
- Mag Chloride will be applied on Wednesday, to roads in the village.

8. **Reminder of upcoming activities and volunteers coordinating the activities.**

- **We do not have to age, wrinkle, and FORGET!** Awesome presentation by Cathy Wagner, CRNA, MS, on August 18th at 6:30 PM at Schoolhouse, 231 Lang, *this will be live--not on Zoom*. Our instructor requests that only Individuals fully vaccinated for Covid-19 attend. We will require masks for all and will open windows to increase ventilation.
 - A discussion on the differences between normal forgetfulness and dementia along with the symptoms of each.
 - Cathy will include ways (that are within our control) to prevent or delay Alzheimer's
 - Kelly will try to record it and put it on zoom.
- **PLEASE RSVP FOR FOTL ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 29TH (SUNDAY) FROM 5:00-7:00 AT TWIN LAKES SCHOOLHOUSE. We need to know**
 - 1) if you are attending and how many in your party and
 - 2) if you want a veggie burger in place of a hamburger or brat.
 - **We will be implementing whatever mask/safety guidelines recommended at the time by CDC and Lake County Public Health along with our requirement that unvaccinated individuals be masked when getting food inside the Schoolhouse.**
 - **Bring your own chairs and beverages. Bottled water will be available.**

- **FOTL will provide burgers, brats and veggie burgers and corresponding condiments. Currently, we will have people bring a side dish or dessert to share.**
- **Trivia Night on August 26 at 6:30 PM in Schoolhouse 231 Lang.** Malia Floyd has arranged for this pilot event--with possible future events at the Twin Lakes Inn.
 - 6 question rounds and a bonus round That takes about 2 hours to get through (with an intermission in the middle) Does that sound about right?
 - **Please RSVP** if you would like to be placed on a team.
 - Another rule is no cell phones during the game. We will have a spot for them to be placed so your loved ones can still contact you, if needed.
 - There will be some prizes!
 - **For the safety of our at-risk and vaccinated populations, we request all to mask up.**
- Save the dates—
 - Beach Clean Up is 9/9 from 9-12 for final clean up
- Community Dinner—Save the Date 9-25 in Leadville tables of 8. FOTL has 1 table reserved, please RSVP if you would like to join us.

9. Other business

- No other business.

10. Adjourn

- Susie Ramsdell moved to adjourn, Susie Kester seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:29.