

DRAFT -- Friends of Twin Lakes Member Meeting -- DRAFT
October 19, 2021

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

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

1. Per member input, we will be devoting 10 minutes of each meeting to showcase some of the committed organizations working to make Lake County stronger! This meeting will be an opportunity to hear about great work being done by Build a Generation.
 - a. Noah Sosin, Director of Coalition Development for Build a Generation. BAG is a huge part of Lake County's response for needs during Covid and many other movements for health and well-being here.
 - Building a movement for health and wellbeing in Lake County by bringing residents together to address important issues like food, housing, and healthcare.
 - 501(c)(3) separate from government.
 - Goal is to help organizations in the community reach their full potential, by building capacity and building coalitions.
 - Don't want to come in and solve problems, but rather assist the community in solving its own problems.
 - Working to fund affordable housing in the future and develop childcare services.
 - b. Sheriff Reyes briefing regarding Sheriff Office response protocols and how they are juggling plates to keep us safe. Possible pointers on what we can do.
 - The Sheriff's Office is struggling with staffing shortages and an increase in violence during the COVID Pandemic. They are prioritizing response to live threatening calls.
 - Joan Weber asked about potential break in situation in Pan Ark. Dispatch was called and they were told there was only one deputy patrolling Lake County, and no one could come out. Sherriff Reyes stated the tape of 911 shows the call did not take place the way it was described and invited Joan to come listen to the tape. There was a shortage of staff and there was an active assault in progress.
 - Salaries for deputies are a major reason for staff shortage.
 - Mental health is a huge issue in the communities. They have co responders from Sol Vista.
 - c. Commissioner Marcella update on Fire Station 2 and Transit Study.
 - Completion date for fire station has been pushed back to 2nd quarter of 2022 depending on availability of materials. Supplies and materials have been difficult to get delivered timely.
 - Lake County was awarded a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation for a local transit feasibility study. This study is required before application for federal grants. It will study whether Lake County should have a fixed route transit service, an on-demand transit service, or no transit service. It will determine what the true demand is. It should be completed by the June 2022.

Regular Agenda

2. Approval of minutes--view and approval of August meeting minutes:
<https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Friends-of-Twin-Lakes-Member-Meeting-August-2021.pdf>
3. Financial Report.
 - a. **MOTION:** Larry Marcum moved that Approval of minutes and Financial Report be deferred to the next meeting; Susie Kester seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. Bud's Sparkle Fest Fundraising so far:
 - a. We are so honored to be the inaugural recipients of Sparkle Fest.
 - b. Thanks beyond belief for the herculean work by Stephanie Wagner to make this a success, she set up all the on-line platforms, got venues and merchants involved-Twin Lakes Inn donated \$25 of every dinner ticket and use of the Twin Lakes Inn , Freight donated use of their facility, High Mountain Pies donated the band's fee, many local businesses, artists and individuals have donated auction items, Twin Lakes General Store and Mercantile is donating 1% of October merchandise sales, and last, but not least---The Leadville Herald, Mountain Mail and Chaffee County Times sponsored the advertising for the event, including multiple full and partial page ads!!!
 - c. Please consider bidding on the auction items to help us raise money—all items were donated, and your winning bid is considered a tax-deductible donation, too! More importantly all money goes toward the Clarion Hotel Asbestos abatement project.
 - <https://m.charityauctionstoday.com/m/auctions/26572> --USE THIS SIGHT TO BID ON DONATED ITEMS MAKING YOUR WINNING BID TAX DEDUCTIBLE (SILENT AUCTION LASTS to OCTOBER 29th) or to donate money.
 - d. Donations can also be made on <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/donate-now/>
 - e. Current tally of donations/fund raising: \$1000 Twin Lakes Inn Dinner, \$1746.14 Freight Event; bids so far \$1750; and direct donations to date of \$3,155.04 (Total raised to date is \$7651.18 and members already authorized \$5000 from Heritage to be used for the project).
 - f. Kelly has talked to Forest Service and explained that contractors could get this project done in November.
 - g. We received funds from Colorado Gives Foundation that we won in a drawing for sending our information documentation (took over 5 hours to complete) for Colorado Gives Day.
 - **MOTION:** Colleen Schweigert moved to apply the \$1000 to the Clarion project. Susie Kester and Susie Ramsdell seconded. Motion was adopted.
 - h. FOTL received \$600 paid by Leadville Race Series for renting the Schoolhouse during the Trail 100 Race. The schoolhouse was left in impeccable condition by the way.
 - **MOTION:** Larry Marcum moved that the \$600.00 be applied to the Clarion project. Kurt Schweigert seconded. Motion passed.
5. Upcoming events and planning:
 - a. What to do about Bingo? Should we go to 1 time per month starting in November after the game on the 3rd?
 - This was discussed and a suggestion was made to take a break and start up again in January, once a month.
 - b. Trivia is a tremendously fun evening that Kevin and Malia have agreed to do in Twin Lakes quarterly, next event is 11/18 at 6:30 at the Schoolhouse. A lot of getting the answers depends on process of elimination from the multiple- choice options and everyone is on a team.
 - c. It could be possible that we could get the High School choirs/ensembles to perform out here.
 - d. Are folks aware that there is an area snow-shoeing group and a number of pickle ball players. While not an FOTL activity, we can get you in touch with those folks if you are interested.

- e. Our dear Forest Service Tech Joan Vellioux is ending her summer tour with the Forest Service and offering us a special lecture on November 17th at the Twin Lakes Schoolhouse at 6:30 pm on the genesis of the names of our Campgrounds. Please bring your own beverage and snack as well as a food item for the food drive.
- f. The Forest Service is going to be making changes to dispersed camping in Lake County. They are doing a presentation for LCOSI next week, maybe we could get the same presentation. Kelly will discuss the FS getting on their speaker presentation list.
- g. Report on Volunteer Hours to the Forest Service (this does not include our 7-mile highway clean up or work on the Stage to Rails Trail!)
 - Here is the Visitor Center part (thanks for being timely in the preparation, Colleen Schweigert):

TOTAL Volunteer Hours	745.00 hours
	Value of \$21,977.50
TOTAL Visitors Assisted	6,984

- h. Heritage Park and Beach Clean Up, included 205 volunteer hours. Total of over \$28,000 volunteer in kind hours with the Visitor Center.

6. Other Business

- a. **No other business**
- b. **Next meeting will be in December.**

7. Adjourn. Motion made by Susie Kester and seconded by Susie Ramsdell. Meeting adjourned.