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Friends of Twin Lakes – Member Meeting
At the Schoolhouse and Zoom – February 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Directors present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kevin Kirsner, At Large

On Zoom: Jeannine Ravenscraft, Secretary; Colleen Schweigert, Vice President/Treasurer; Daryl Manning & Anne Bond, At Large.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Leadville & Lake County One Community Project. Kelly discussed a late addition to the agenda regarding *Leadville & Lake County One Community Project*. This initiative is to create a shared vision and joint comprehensive plan for Leadville and Lake County. An online survey will remain open through the end of February to allow the public to provide more detailed input on the topical areas they care most about. All community members are encouraged to complete the survey, as this will be the county's upcoming guiding document for the next 5+ years.

Online Action Planning Feedback Form

Please share widely with your colleagues and social networks: <https://bit.ly/3Mlnb94>

2. Approve minutes from last FOTL member meeting July 26, 2025:

[FOTL Member Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2025](#)

Motion: Kevin Kirsner moved to approve the minutes. Ann Bond seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/2025: Total balance is \$128,166.14

General Fund/Operating Account:	\$26,830.89
Heritage:	\$66,576.82
Fire Station:	\$30,283.39
Dexter House:	\$ 144.97
FS Heritage Donations:	\$ 3,382.12
Park Bench:	\$. 947.95

4. Meeting with USFS on January 22, 2026. Anne Bond and Kelly Sweeney met with Megan Caveny, USFS Archeologist, Leadville District and Andrew Keener, USFS Engineer, Canyon City Office regarding the status of FOTL Heritage projects.

- a) USFS Supplemental Project Agreement for the Clarion has been approved. The project focus will include the demolition of the porch/overhang, removal of concrete, grade drainage away from the building, and uncover windows. Work may begin as early as May 16, 2026. The plan is to complete demolition work before the visitor center opens on May 23. Megan Caveny, USFS Archeologist, must be present for any site work. Once windows are uncovered, FOTL will begin the first phase of the historic building interpretation. A planning meeting (via Zoom) is scheduled for the second week of April for the Clarion team.

- b) Roof replacement for the Red Rooster Building/Visitor Center. The scope of work for this project will be completed by May and submitted to the Grants and Accounting Office in Lakewood for review. This process usually takes 30-60 days. Structural support needs to be added to the Red Rooster building before any roof work can take place. Kelly is working on setting up a meeting with local builders and USFS engineers to assess a framing load strategy to support the new roof. Once scope

of work has been determined, new quotes will be obtained to complete the work and replace the roof. It is still our goal to complete the work in September. Fireproof synthetic materials that look like historic shingles have been approved for use on the roof. In addition, staining/painting and possibly chinking work may be done on the visitor center building if approved by the State Historical Preservation Office.

- c) FOTL Heritage Funds will be used to cover the cost of 2026 work as outlined above. Additional funds/grants may be needed for future work on the Clarion building.
5. USFS Meeting, February 20, 2026. Colleen (Zoom) and Kelly will meet with Jim Fiorelli, Leadville Ranger District Recreation Program Manager, to discuss and set dates for joint 2026 projects, including the Dexter cabin cleanup and the Moache trail extension. Sterling Mudge of Cloud City Wheelers, will be leading the Moache trail extension.
6. Summer Hours at Visitor Center. Historically, FOTL has coordinated volunteers for the visitor center daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each year it has become more and more difficult to schedule volunteers to cover these days/hours. The board recommended closing the visitor center on Wednesdays and adjusting the hours of operation to 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The board believes this is a better match to peak visitor attendance/hours.
Motion: Colleen Schweigert moved to close the visitor center on Wednesdays and to change the hours of operations to 11:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. Kevin Kirsner seconded. The motion was approved.
7. Summer Potlucks at the School House. The board proposed the idea of hosting one potluck dinner at the schoolhouse in June, July, and September. August was excluded because the annual picnic is held in August. A board member is required to attend each gathering. The potlucks would be in addition to any community-based/hosted happy hours. Member discussion centered around the best day to host a potluck dinner Friday, Saturday or Sunday. FOTL would provide paper products and cutlery.
Motion: Kevin Kirsner moved that FOTL host a potluck dinner at the school house in the months of June, July and September. The date will be determined by the FOTL board since a board member is required to attend each event. Anne Bond seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
8. Operating Budget cash for the benefit of FOTL. Currently, FOTL general fund has a balance in excess of \$20,000. Historically, the general fund carries a balance of \$10,000 - \$15,000. The board proposed using some of the funds on hand for the benefit of FOTL. Suggestions for improvements included window screens and composite picnic tables for the schoolhouse, and reconnecting the old fire siren located in Twin Lakes. The siren would alert village residents and visitors to evacuate in an emergency. Kelly will request that the Lake County Fire Department contribute funding for the reinstallation of the sirens. The board welcomed other ideas from members. No other suggestions were proposed.
 - a) Motion: Scott Collis moved to authorize the board to research the cost of reinstalling the emergency siren. The board is approved to spend up to \$2,000 to complete this project. Brian Nevans seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
 - b) Motion: Kevin Kirsner moved to authorize the board to purchase composite picnic tables for the schoolhouse property spending no more than \$1,000. Motion seconded by Laurie Carnegie. The motion was approved.
 - c) Motion: Kevin Kirsner moved to authorize the board to purchase six window screens for the schoolhouse, limiting purchase to \$1,200 in total. Motion seconded by Colleen Schweigert. The motion was approved.
9. FOTL board vacancies. This year, the positions held by Jeannine Ravenscraft and Kelly Sweeny are open for 2-year terms. (Remember that in our by-laws, it is the FOTL Board who determines the

officers each year.) Any board member is available to discuss responsibilities, time commitments, and related details with interested parties. We would like to identify interested parties by April.

10. FOTL 2026 Calendar.

- No Valentine's Day celebration this year. No board member is available to attend.
- St. Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, March 14. Daryl has agreed to be the board member in attendance, but we need someone to organize/decorate.
- Kentucky Derby party on Saturday, May 2. The Wagners hope to host at the schoolhouse. Kevin will be the director in attendance.
- Annual cleanup day is set for Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Park.
- Annual meeting will be Saturday, June 6. Please review FOTL bylaws before the annual meeting. Any proposed by-law amendments should be submitted prior to annual meeting.

11. FOTL would like to extend a thank you to the following for their generous donations:

- Kevin Kirsner and Brian Nevans donated a smart TV and router to replace the one we are currently renting from CenturyLink.
- Tenderfoot Farm donated patio furniture, which included 23 patio table chairs, 2 large oblong glass patio tables, 3 round small glass patio tables, and 1 medium rectangular patio table.
- The Wagners donated a large quantity of beads, costumes, and decorations for Oktoberfest and the Kentucky Derby.

12. Other business.

- a) Twin Lakes Inn. General discussion of what the community can do to encourage, facilitate or promote the sale of the inn or lease of the restaurant. Darlene Bass suggested that the real estate company provide a web link that could be shared by community members. The owners of the Inn are also open to leasing the bar/restaurant as an independent venture.
- b) Jay Gingrich suggested that FOTL send a thank you note to the City of Aurora for providing the port-a-pots at the Interlaken Trailhead. Also, to encourage the City of Aurora, the Forest Service, and Lake County to install vault toilets to protect the fragile water system nearby.
- c) Lee Gagnet Leuman discussed the possibility of the Cultural Heritage Board using the schoolhouse for meetings. Kelly responded that use of the schoolhouse for events falls under the use agreement between FOTL and the Lake County School District. Historically, the board has allowed non-profits to use the school house if a board member is available to facilitate. However, insurance is still required. The use agreement can be found on the FOTL website.

Motion to adjourn proposed by Kevin Kirsner. Seconded by Daryl Manning. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.