

FRVPL Minutes, April 4, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by President TePas at 5:00 pm
2. Members present: Ed TePas, Diann Simmons, Joe Gauder, Carol Borden, Rachel Borum, John Marshall, Larry Fugman, Lew Chichester, Pat Sobrero, Izzy LeMieux, Betsy Brown Emily Ellickson-Brown, Cindy Swan, Gus Evans
3. Motion: Approve thirty-five dollar (\$35.) to county library for meals for planned in-service/training days for all staff by the end of 2013. Larry so moved, John second: Approved
4. The temporary MOU was approved by the BOS on March 26th on their "consent agenda". The final document included the changes suggested by the FRVPL's concerns to the original proposal.
5. The Executive Board was asked to approve an application by Radio KYBU for membership in the NFCB (ncfb.org) so it could send participants to the annual conference in San Francisco in May. The membership was approved to provide a learning experience for radio operation personnel. The prompt approval will also allow for discounts on the conference.
6. March's movie was Climate Refugees, about the human face of global climate change. About 26 people attended and we collected \$134.00 in donations. Costs (movie, public performance rights, and posters) were \$62.20, which gave us \$71.60 to put toward books. We were able to order four new titles for the library's collection: The Grafters Handbook, 6th edition, The Ultimate Guide to Permaculture, Artisan Cheese Making at Home, and Mend it Better.

We've been able to purchase 11 new books for our collection, January through March of 2013. Next week's film (4/12, 7 P.M. and 4/14, 2 P.M.) is about planned obsolescence, and is entitled The Light Bulb Conspiracy.

May's movie is about the future of energy. SWITCH will show May 10th and 12th.

June's movie is about urban agriculture in the SF Bay Area. Edible City, Grow the Revolution will show June 14th and 16th.

Bidder 70 will show July 12th and 14th. In it, a college student, Tim DeChristopher, takes on the energy industry and the BLM to derail an illegal oil and gas lease auction.

7. Pat Sobrero asked the support of the Friends for the creation of a Seed Library. In addition to being able to check out books, magazines, and DVD's patrons would also be able to check out seed packets. Those patrons would use the seed to grow out fruits and vegetables, harvest seeds from the best plants, and return the seeds so the library can lend them out to others.

While a library might seem like an odd place for a project like this, seed for food should be available to everyone. That makes a public library the perfect home for a seed collection. At least 30 other seed libraries have sprung up in California in recent years, most of them in libraries.

Just as having DVDs, computer access, and Wi-Fi has helped our library stay relevant in a community where not everyone is a reader, a seed-lending program can help connect with a portion of the population that doesn't come in to check out books.

Pat plans to convert an old card catalog into a seed catalog, offer seeds and classes in gardening a seed saving, and have information available on more advanced seed saving techniques for those with experience.

Orientations to the seed library and classes would be offered on days the food bank is in town, to reach those in our community who might be especially interested in seeds and information.

She wants the support and partnership of the Friends in the project and will use the Friends' non-profit status and letterhead to solicit seed donations from commercial seed companies. The project aligns with the Friends' mission to improve the services of the library, support a full range of educational opportunities that encourage community health and sustainability, and bring together diverse groups that make up our community.

She requested \$750 "seed money" from the Friends to purchase books, office supplies, postage, and since most companies do not donate seed until winter, seeds themselves. Ms. Sobrero will donate her time.

Discussion followed, one member offered seed he had saved, and another knew several people who would offer seed.

Motion: Provide seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.) to set up Seed Library. Lew so moved, John second: Approved

8. Kitchen Report: Yovelo will no longer be renting the kitchen, as it is going back to its core business after a short break. Another community business has expressed interest.

The kitchen committee met this week and discussed possible fundraising ideas, and the need for more posted signs in the kitchen. The new convection oven has been installed and is working well. The "wish list" was revisited.

9. Library Report: Will the FRVPL be willing to purchase Aprons for the Collaborative Summer Reading Program?

Cost: \$15.00 each

Amount for our staff and volunteers

1) Staff: 3

2) Volunteer 3

3) Friends?

After a discussion it was decided that Rachel would use her discretion on the use of library funds, and she could come back to the FRVPL if more were needed before the end of the year.

Genocide and Vendetta copies available soon. I will bind the books so at least one out of thee will be available for check out.

Display Dorothea Theodoratus fiber arts display is combined with the educational display. Thank you John Pat and Barbara!

Library hours are staying the same year around. We are now open 10-5pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Can the FRVPL ask around to see if the tribe or any other organizations would like 80+ boxes of mostly discarded library books? Can they be recycled in RV? A discussion of this item followed. The books will be offered for sale on May 10th and 11th on the Commons patio, and the remainder will be taken to recycle.

We got another shipment in of Headphones and thumb drives. Headphones are now \$4.00 each and thumb drives are \$9.00 each. Thanks goes to John Marshall for this purchase.

Pat is establishing a new program called the RVPL Seed Lending Program. She is working hard collecting seed donations, making up information sheets and putting together a system in which to organize them within the old card catalogs. Richmond Public Library was been doing a similar program for many years and now we will see one in action here. I love reusing library material and being resourceful while initiating a new program!

I will be attending a Leading From Any Position conference in Sacramento April 23-23.

10. The County Librarian sent the following e-mail:

Due to circumstances beyond my control I won't be able to attend this evening's meeting. I am very sorry as I especially wanted to be there. Would you please let the members know the following thoughts from me:

1) Thank you very much for your cooperation and assistance in getting the MOU done. I look forward to the next year and taking some time to hear and learn from the community what their thoughts, wishes, dreams and needs are. Through this process we will all be able to make decisions as to what role the library can fulfill and how it can assist with other items as well.

2) I want you to know that I continue to be inspired by your accomplishments. You have provided a much-needed central structure to your community and it really is a shining example of what libraries can and should be. In fact, I would like us to think about applying for the National Award for Best Small Library in America next year. If there are two or three of your committee who would be interested in putting this together I would be happy to lead the team. Here is a link to the 2013 winner if you would like to print it out to show the rest of the group. Also note the prize :) (The winning library receives a \$20,000 cash prize from the Gates Foundation, conference costs for two library representatives to attend the 2014 Public

Library Association (PLA) Biannual Conference in 2014 in Indianapolis, and a gala reception at PLA. The two other finalist libraries will each receive a \$10,000 cash award, conference costs for two library representatives to attend the 2014 PLA meeting and award celebration, and more.) Not too shabby. <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/01/awards/best-small-library-in-america-2013-southern-area-public-library-wv/>

Lew, John and Diann volunteered to help promote this proposal as representatives of the FRVPL.

11. Fundraising Report: Beatles Night provided \$1300 each to KYBU and the FRVPL. Thanks to Ollie, his family and all the performers for a wonderful evening.

There is some concern about the Mill presentation DVD. It may be a formatting problem.

An Eastern Mediterranean Evening at the Commons on May 18th was presented. There will be food, music and possibly belly dancing. The cost will be forty dollars (\$40.), and there will be ninety tickets sold.

The annual newsletter will go out in June, and anyone wishing to provide information that they feel should be included, must provide it to the Fundraising committee within the next month.

12. Mindy Kittay wants to be on the FRVPL Executive Board. Rachel is the present representative of the Library on the Board. After a discussion it was decided to invite the County Librarian to an ex-officio position while having Rachel stay in her position as an ex-officio member of the Board also.

13. Nominations to the Executive Board:

President: Ed TePas

Vice President: Diann Simmons

Treasurer: Joe Gauder

Secretary: Cindy Swan

Member-at-large: Carol Borden

Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Minutes composed by Gus Evans, Secretary FRVPL