

General Meeting FRVPL August 1, 2013

Attending:

Lew Chichester
Diann Simmons
Betsy Brown
Ed TePas
Joe Gauder
Cindy Swan
Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.
The 7/11 minutes were approved.

Hazard concerns:

There are some activities taking place on the patio that may not be appropriate, including skateboarding, roller skating and bike riding. It was proposed that our insurance agent be consulted as to our liability coverage and what they would recommend we do to practice due diligence to protect ourselves from liability. A motion was put forward for a policy to ban these activities on the patio. 6 members were in favor, 2 opposed so a consensus was not reached.

It was pointed out that there was already a policy in place to not allow marijuana smoking on the premises of the Commons.

Seed Library and Movie Report:

The Seed Library has distributed 90+ packets of seeds and has 20+ official Members. Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheSeedLibrary) has 269 followers as of August 1. We've had a warm reception by the community and are looking forward to spring when our membership should increase quite a bit. Thanks, Round Valley!

The summer months have been slow for the Sustainability Movie Series. With our long hot days, folks are working much later in the evening and attendance has sharply fallen off. We've barely covered expenses the last several months. Last month we operated at a loss, not covering the costs of screening Bidder 70. Pat is happy to donate time to the movie series, researching, acquiring, advertising, and hosting screenings, but will not also pay for the movies and expenses herself, which usually run \$60-\$95 after discounts. We already have two films purchased for future screenings, and another couple arranged. We will have a Movie Night hiatus until either October/November and will start up again. Check the Community Room windows along Howard Street for posters starting this fall. See you at the movies!

USDA solar grant:

We have been approved to receive a grant of \$30,000 for a solar voltaic system. This is for equipment only, and does not include installation.

Solar system: L

Lew is still researching for our system with Advanced Power in Calpella. Due to receiving past PG&E statements from the county, we now have a history of use that can inform this research. There is space on the roof to install enough panels for the use of the library itself without having to deal with the issue of compromising the part with the membrane. This would cost \$30,000 installed.

Newsletter:

Ed would encourage people to write an article for the online newsletter. He is currently working on getting technology in place to accept online payments. He said the national average for these kinds of emails being actually opened by recipients is 14% but ours has been running at 36%. The next newsletter will feature the Blackberry Festival footrace, a fundraiser for the library for 31 years.

Radio station:

The station is now in the studio, which works well. Lew paid their first month's rent of \$200.

Fundraising:

There will be an event August 17. Joe has gotten the alcohol permit.

Building use: Lew:

There are three zones for the heating and cooling system. The duct systems need to be redone. This will benefit by thorough planning to move ahead. A ceiling fan in the lobby and an exhaust fan in the retail space will be installed immediately.

Farmers Market Coffee lease negotiation:

There are still some details to be resolved with the new lease, which expires August 20. This will be extended to September because the proprietors recently received a little bundle of joy.

Due to metering, we now have an accurate utility bill to present to the coffee shop, as payment of actual utility usage is still part of the old agreement.

There was no library or kitchen report.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm

Next meeting September 5.

Submitted by Carol Borden, Secretary