

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL September 6, 2013

Attending:

Joe Gauder
Ed TePas
Lew Chichester
Carol Borden
Rio Palley
Jessy Jane Pope
Cindy Swan
Michael Mills
Rachel Borum

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm
The 8/1/13 minutes were approved.

Coffee shop lease:

Negotiations between the Farmers Market Coffee shop and the Friends of the RV Library have not been finalized. We hope this will happen with one more meeting between the parties. The Friends would like a current certificate of insurance on file. It was agreed that FMC could have a rent of \$400 + utilities, instead of either the \$500 with \$200 taken off for work trade they are currently paying or the full \$500 without work trade that the Friends proposed.

FRVPL September Seed Library Update:

We had a story run about us in Thursday's Santa Rosa Press Democrat! The journalist, Glenda Anderson, did a fabulous job of researching seed libraries and interviewing people for her piece. If you missed it you can see it online at: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130904/articles/130909822?title=Menocino-County-library-offers-seed-lending>

I also put a copy of the article in our Membership Binder.

We are about to put part of our collection to bed for the season so they will stay fresh for next spring's planting. Meanwhile, for a limited time, you can still check out seeds than can be planted this time of year for harvest throughout the fall and in some cases, winter.

I am planning to spend a couple of days in Santa Rosa next week to attend the Heirloom Expo and will be meeting with other seed librarians to share ideas for improving our seed library's service to the community.

I would really like to be able to offer free classes in gardening, and also classes in recognizing wild edibles that grow in our valley. If you know anyone who would like to partner with The Seed Library who can help, please get in touch with me at

the library. If they have the knowledge and expertise, I can help with materials and organization.

Sustainability Movie Series:

Upcoming movies will be *Betting the Farm* and *Women on the Land*. We'll be starting back up in either October or November, look for movie posters and listen to KYBU for dates and times. We'll send out an e-mail to Friends to alert them, as well.

So far we've shown 16 films and purchased 50 books for the library's collection.

Best Small Library Gates Foundation application:

There was a meeting with Mindy Kittay, the county librarian yesterday to discuss our application. John Marshall will coordinate the effort. There will be another meeting Tuesday Sept 10 at 4 pm. The application is due October 14.

Newsletter:

There was a request to put a paid ad in the internet newsletter. The consensus was not to do it.

Radio:

Lew paid \$250 for the use of the studio and utilities. A couple of hundred dollars was raised at Blackberry Festival. Live broadcasts are happening from the studio. An emergency response team is being formed. The Friends approved by consensus allowing community service hours to be worked at the station.

Library report:

The children's librarian position has not been filled. This is a county position that involves two days in Covelo and three days in Willits.

Rachel will begin an online master of library science program.

A county inspector came up and said vents need to be cleaned and debris on Briana's roof next door must be cleared.

Rachel is going to a library conference on children's programs in Los Angeles in early November.

Michael will send a letter of appreciation to Diann Simmons who resigned from the position of vice president of the executive committee.

Fundraising:

We are investing \$199 in Qgiv for online donation capability. They take 3.99% + 25¢ per transaction.

The mailed paper newsletter is almost done. It will cost about \$875.

We made \$4700 Blackberry weekend. Thanks to Nightsun for a great job on the dance and raffle.

Nightsun wants to do another fundraiser for a new PA system and soundboard for the community room.

So far in 2013 we have raised \$14,800. The Beatles night :\$1,300, the annual dinner: \$3,200; the footrace :\$2,000 (appreciation to Dean for his work on the footrace); BBF activities not including donations and memberships taken at the booth: \$3000; memberships and donations including those taken at BBF booth: \$5,300.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32

Next meeting: Oct 3