

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Thursday October 3, 2013

Attending:

Joe Gauder	Larry Fugman
Ed TePas	Betsy Brown
Lew Chichester	John Marshall
Carol Borden	Pat Sobrero

**The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm
The 9/6/13 minutes were approved.**

Apple Pressing:

Betsy would like to have a community apple pressing October 20, Sunday, the day after the Harvest Festival. Izzy has expressed an interest in having a fundraising breakfast in conjunction.

Vice President nominations:

Lew was the only nomination.

Best Small Library Gates Foundation application:

John solicited photos that anyone might have of the library and Commons activities. Even if we don't get the prize, we will have a valuable compendium of the history of the project.

Sustainability Movie Series:

The series will start back up again at 7PM, Friday November 8 with *Betting The Farm*. Faced with losing their small farms, rural Maine dairy farmers launch their own milk company—a gamble that will either ruin or save them. It is an updated spin on the plight of the American small farmer, and has gotten excellent reviews.

Seed Library Update:

Pat was able to attend two days at the Heirloom Expo. It was a great opportunity to meet representatives of some of the seed companies who have donated to our library and thank them for their support as well as introduce the Seed Library to new companies and request future donations. Over a dozen requests for seed donations have gone out, so we should be very well stocked for spring. The highlight of the Expo was a Seed Summit made up of seed librarians from all over the country and they discussed their operations and traded ideas.

Pat as almost spent the initial start-up funding of \$750 and foresees needing more coin envelopes and labels before the spring. A resolution to fund the seed library with \$100 was passed by consensus.

Coffee shop lease:

The lease agreement has been signed by Rio and Jessy for Farmers Market Coffee and Carol for FRVPL. John expressed a concern that we may be "running in the red" with the coffee shop as the current agreement stands. He would also like more accountability from the coffee shop than he has seen in the past. He would like to see a record keeping system of compliance with the agreements made. There was a discussion where it was pointed out that the new agreement was much more specific about the duties and responsibilities of the coffee shop and eliminated some of the parts of the old agreement that were causing problems, such as the work/trade.

There was a general agreement that the Friends need a point person for communication with all building users. Izzy may be interested in doing that, but she was unable to attend the meeting. Library personnel should report any problems.

The Friends, who have ultimate control and responsibility for the lobby and the patio (not the coffee shop who use it during their business hours and have agreed to maintenance commensurate to their use) need to think about how to best use it. Betsy feels there is a perceptual problem that the patronage of Commons is not inclusive of the whole Round Valley community. She will ask Roy to move his barbeque business closer to the patio to encourage his patrons to use it and also to discourage them from parking on the grounds of the radio building, which has been a problem for them. Also, there is a problem with receiving WiFi on the patio. Apparently, the county replaced the router with one that isn't sufficiently strong to reach beyond the building. John will communicate with Mindy about this.

Newsletter:

Ed will be using Mail Chimp to send the agenda and minutes.

Radio:

There were work days where volunteers did radio building painting and landscaping. The facility is being used more. The members of KYBU would like a clear written agreement with the Friends for usage of the building.

Library report:

Rachel is arranging the purchase for the slat wall for the DVDs behind the circulation desk with Joe. We currently have about 800 DVD titles in our collection and it continues to grow.

Rachel will be attending the Future of Libraries 2.0 in San Francisco this coming Wednesday. She thanks FRVPL for supporting her in this conference by reimbursing the gas for the drive down and to pay for the conference.

Rachel is gathering a story hour survey to determine what times are most suitable for preschool age children and their families. Surveys are at the circulation desk.

Our Banned Book Week display came and went. Every year we celebrate the freedom to read. We displayed titles that have been censored and challenged in libraries and schools. There were many patrons who checked out materials from the display.

Rachel has been asking patrons to fill out a comment card to get feedback on our library services. She has received one in the last month.

New educational display will be going up on Sunday. The theme is Harvest Time; to tie in with the Community Harvest Festival.

Happy Reading!

Fundraising:

On Friday, a crew of volunteers hand addressed 450+ fundraising newsletters which were sent out on Wednesday. Mailers are sent to people who have already joined or given donations the Friends. Larry would like everyone to brainstorm anyone they know who hasn't given but may be interested in doing so.

A donation button for the internet is still in the works.

We could have a late fall fundraiser, still not planned. Olli wants to do another show around February or March, similar to Beatles Night but with a different theme, such as jazz standards. This might be nice to combine with the annual fundraising dinner. We could have a dance in early December.

Building Committee:

Lew reads the electric and gas meters monthly. There are four electric meters in the janitor's closet and three gas meters on the roof. This allows him to divide utility use between the users. He changes the A/C filters every three months.

The solar grant is still in process.

VP election:

Lew was elected Vice President by consensus.

Check signers:

A resolution was passed to have the check signers on the TriCounties checking account #240256687 be Lew Chichester, Vice president; Carol Borden, Secretary; Betsy Brown and Joseph Gauder, Treasurer. A resolution was passed to request a new Business Check Card from TriCounties Bank with Joseph Gauder's name on it, and to cancel our

current card XXX-XXXX-XXXX-7166 with Diann Simmon's name.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34

Next meeting: November 1

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary