

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Thursday November 7, 2013

Meeting called to order 5pm

Attending:

Joe Gauder
Ed TePas
Lew Chichester
Carol Borden
Pat Sobrero
John Marshall
Betsy Brown
Cindy Swan

Best Small Library Gates Foundation application:

The application has been sent.

Building use report:

Monthly use report October 2013

Date - Area of Use	Responsible Party	Rent
October - Kitchen		
	Roy Elliot: Roys BBQ	\$288
	Jessy Jones	\$60
	Jessica Harness: Yovelo	\$52
	Friends: Community Apple Pressing	\$370
Coffee shop kitchen use monthly average: 65 hrs		\$50
October - Community Room		
	Anne Kelly: La Vida Charter School	-
	Community Foundation	-
	Chamber of Commerce	-
	Round Valley HS Movie Night	\$60
	LDS Church service	\$10
	Baby Shower	\$125
Kitchen manager hours since January 2013: 94.5		hours used: 55

Monthly Rental Update:

So far the transition of taking over community room responsibilities has been smooth. I have had to work out a few technical details with the sound and video systems. Thanks to Lew and Diann for their help. I feel that it is much more practical to manage the building rentals as a whole. I will be reporting on all the rentals monthly and I have made a few organizational changes, consolidating rental forms to facilitate bookkeeping.

This past month the community room and kitchen were rented for a baby shower. The event was a great use of the space. I think that we will see more like it on a regular basis. Users will appreciate having a streamlined process for renting multiple areas of the building. I have drafted a combined area rental form to simplify the rental process.

The 2nd annual community apple pressing was a success. We pressed a lot of juice and the community got to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. A special thanks to the Coffee shop for donating all of the supplies for the breakfast. The event made \$370 dollars for the kitchen. I would like to spend the money on equipment to make having breakfast fundraisers easy. A monthly breakfast could be a great way to boost revenue for the friends.

Yovelo has signed up to cook hot lunch in the kitchen 5 days a week for the winter. It has been fun having them in the kitchen again, I encourage everyone to go try the pot stickers.

The process to move the hot water heater out of the kitchen has begun. We had a consultation with the plumbers and the work should begin soon.

Items for future fundraising:

- Dishwasher ~ \$1,400
 - griddle ~ \$150
- stainless steel sauté pans
- Canning package ~ \$360
- Food processor ~ \$300
- Large salad spinner ~ \$130
- Rolling cart ~ \$300
- Coffee maker ~ \$80
- Microwave oven ~ \$250
- Immersion blender ~ \$59.95
- cast iron pan 15in ~ \$189.95
- Waffle Iron ~ \$99.95
- Knife sharpener ~ \$179.95
- Apple corer/peeler ~ \$24.95
- Crepe pan ~ \$29.95

November 2013 Film and Seeds Report:

The Sustainability Movie Series is back from hiatus with *Betting the Farm*, on Friday, November 8th. The film follows a group of dairy farmers who, dropped by their national milk distributor, decide to save their farms by forming their own milk company.

We will be back December 13th with *Women on the Land, Creating Conscious Community*. The film highlights the work of women of the Mendocino coastal community over the past forty years. The film opens with archival footage of women who founded "Country Women" in the 1970's, the extremely successful feminist publication and how-to magazine for women's self-sufficiency. Featuring the work women in this community have done to care for the environment of our coastal land and sea over the years, the film then follows the lives of women farming now and explains why the sustainable, organic, local food movement is essential in our current world of dwindling natural resources and economic decline.

Women on the Land will show in the Community Room at 7 PM December 13th.

We are looking at acquiring *Dancing Salmon Home* about Winnemem Wintu tribal members who travel to New Zealand to reunite with their salmon relatives who were relocated in the 1800s. We are also writing a proposal to screen *Green Fire* about the life of environmentalist Aldo Leopold and are in negotiation to acquire *Symphony of the Soil*.

The Seed Library had a table at the Harvest Festival and several folks joined us to label seed packets. We had the opportunity to talk about The Seed Library with visitors. Both Bountiful Gardens and Southern Exposure have donated seeds in the last several weeks, about 50 packets total, and Baker Creek has pledged 75 packets as well. The facebook page is active; we try to put up something every day.

Now that autumn is here we're taking advantage of the peace and quiet to do some housecleaning and get organized again for spring.

Landscaping:

Jay Leahy has volunteered to make a plot plan of the area between the Commons and the corner of Howard and Perry by the radio station. We can make multiple copies and invite people to draw out their ideas for landscaping.

Newsletter::

Ed would like to put in more biographies of people involved in the library. Please tell him if you have an idea for the newsletter. Mail Chimp is working well.

Radio:

KYBU would like to have a fundraiser party and membership drive twice a year. One is due in December, but will be postponed because of too many things going on then. There is an idea to have Denny make a dinner on a Sunday night when the North Fork isn't open that would be free for members.

They have received a grant from the Mendocino Community Foundation for remote broadcasting. They can broadcast from the school using the school's internet connection. They successfully broadcast half of the homecoming football game before the system broke down.

There will be a live call-in talk show with supervisor John Pinches who will come to the studio. Lew is working on a remote patch-in so we can invite the supervisor candidates to participate in live call-in shows. This can happen closer to the election.

Fundraising:

These numbers are from my spreadsheets and not guaranteed to be mistake-free!

Total membership/donations since fundraising letter sent — \$3150 from 53 people

Total membership/donations for 2013 – \$9480 from 155 people of whom 146 have chosen to be members

Approximate raised for 2013 from memberships/donations and all events net of expenses = \$18,000]

We will do the Lioness Christmas Bazaar December 7. We need volunteers to man the booth. We could also do a raffle if someone was willing to contact merchants to donate items to offer. Michael will order new mugs and tote bags to sell.

Building use:

The water heater that is currently in the kitchen will be moved to the janitor's closet.

The baby changing tables will be installed in the bathroom handicap stalls when it is established who will take responsibility for disposing the dirty diapers.

Betsy would like to put weekly garbage pickup in the Friends budget.

Meeting adjourned 6:01

Next meeting: December 5

Submitted by Carol Borden, Secretary FRVPL