

## **FRVPL Minutes General Meeting June 6 , 2013**

### **Members present:**

Ed TePas

Diann Simmons

Carol Borden

Gus Evans

Cindy Swan

Lew Chichester

Larry Fugman

Pat Sobrero

Izzy LeMieux

Rachel Borum

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm  
Minutes of May 2 meeting were approved

### **Radio Report:** Lew:

The renovation on the blue building is basically finished. The equipment is here. Six or seven people have an interest in being engineers and there will be a training and a manual developed.

Six people went to San Francisco for a community broadcasting convention with many useful and interesting workshops.

### **Online newsletter:** Ed:

Ed is developing a possibly bi-monthly newsletter using Mail Chimp. This allows one page at a time to be published. It will include links to other library information such as the Chamber website. Memberships could be able to be renewed and donations made using credit cards or PayPal. There could be an automatic annual renewal. We could also send out a simple paper annual mailing.

### **Sustainability movie and seed library report:** Pat:

Movie News : May's film was Switch, The Future of Energy. It showed on Friday, May 10th and Sunday the 12th. 13 people attended, we took in about \$50. After expenses, we were able to purchase three books: Straw Bale Gardens, Maximizing Your Mini-Farm, and Food Storage for the Clueless.

Our next film will show next Friday and the following Sunday, it is Edible City; Grow the Revolution. It's a fun and faced-paced movie about growing local Good Food systems that are socially just, environmentally sound, and economically resilient.

July's Film will be Bidder 70. August is Women on the Land, and September is Betting the Farm.

Movies show on the second Friday of the month at 7 PM. There is usually a Sunday Matinee at 2 pm, two day later.

### **Seed Library**

It has been a productive month for The Seed Library, A Seed-Lending Program at the Round Valley Library.

Thanks to Barbara Youngblood and Michael Mills we have brochures we can really be proud of. Michael has also designed a beautiful logo that is on the seed packets we're using to distribute seed. He's designed a sign for the top of the seed catalog, the announcement sign you may have started to notice popping up around town, and more. Gus, Dee Mullen, Colleen Carter, Jenn Procacci, and Susan Jamieson have been filling seed packets.

Stephen Decater has actually stopped working long enough to sit down with me to talk about the Live Power Planting dates. I've made up a planting calendar and we're getting together one more time to go over it and make changes or additions. We'll display this so people know when the optimum time is to plant their seeds.

We have a Facebook page. Like us! The Seed Library at the Round Valley Public Library.

Our launch day is Friday, June 14th, at noon. Ready or not! I'll be in the library from noon till 3ish, then out to the Farmers Markey to give away brochures and information on seeds that are easiest to save. We have LOTs of open-pollinated and heirloom seed available for you to bo-rrrow. Please come and fill out a membership form and borrow some seeds for your late summer and fall gardens!

While it is too late to start pepper and tomato seeds, in June we can still plant some "summer" crops like beans and corn. It is also time to get started on some fall veggies, like broccoli and cabbage.

Please stop by the Library between noon and three on Friday the 14th or catch me at the Farmer's market until 5! See you there.

### **Kitchen report:** Izzy:

**Kitchen Use Report**  
06/06/13

Date	Responsible Party	Rent
<b>May</b>		
05/03-05-31 9 days	Roy Elliot: Roys BBQ	\$288
04/29-05/10 10 days	Jessica Harness: Yovelo	\$208
05/17-05/18/13	Friends Annual Dinner Taste of the Mediterranean	none
05/28/13	Diann Simmons: Harvest of the month	\$30
Coffee shop kitchen use monthly average: 60 hrs		
Kitchen manager hours: 10		hours used: 0

**Monthly Kitchen Update**

The big event in the kitchen this past month was the annual friends dinner "A Taste of the Mediterranean." Thank you to all who helped make this event a success. I was impressed with how our kitchen was able to accommodate such a large crew. I look forward to many more delicious fundraisers. At the April kitchen committee meeting it was decided that the kitchen needed more signage. I have typed up some ideas and will ask Michael Mills to help create them. I have also prepared a list of the kitchen equipment available for rent. Josh Zack has agreed to do the construction on the storage room. Building has been delayed as it has taken longer than expected to research and price materials.

The kitchen committee has done further research and it appears that a dishwasher may be available for much cheaper than originally thought. The new price is nearly half of what we expected, I have altered our equipment list to reflect this and it has made the idea of purchasing more realistic.

Yovelo has once again decided to take a break from their kitchen rental but they may return in the fall. I have been approached by two interesting rental prospects but both parties feel the need for additional equipment.

We would like to see our kitchen expand into a commercial kitchen rental facility, fully-equipped for small food artisans, commercial processors, specialty bakers, caterers and educators. We truly are a Community Supported Kitchen, as such, we have the opportunity to offer a professional venue where quality food businesses can develop and grow. This has the potential to increase the vibrancy and diversity of our local economy as well as provide an additional source of revenue for the friends.

Our priorities are:  
space in the existing storage room~ \$200, construction to begin soon.

Expanding useable

Additional items for future fundraising:

- Dishwasher ~ \$1,400
- stove side griddle
- stainless steel sauté pans
- Canning package ~ \$360
- Food processor ~ \$185
- Drinking glasses ~ \$182
- 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
- 16 quart stock pot ~ \$ 48.3

#### Equipment Currently Available For Rent

- Kitchen aid stand mixer 7 quart capacity
- Cuisinart food processor 14 cup capacity
- Blenders
- rice cooker
- Large capacity excalibur food dehydrator
- Coffee makers
- flatware
- serving utensils
- catering equipment (chafing dishes)
- baking dishes
- cookie sheets
- Convection oven
- 6 burner commercial range w/ oven
- trays
- Stock pots
- Large and medium woks
- cutting boards
- Knives
- table ware (cups, plates, bowls)
- Hand Washing Sink
- Produce Washing Sink

#### **Fundraising report:** Larry:

The Taste of the Mediterranean dinner netted \$3,200. \$600 of that went into supplies (wine glasses and tablecloths) for future fundraising events.

A barbecue is planned for late July.

#### **Mission review:**

Lew would like to revisit our goals as Friends of Library, especially now that the main focus of our activities for the past several years is mostly complete, i.e. building and furnishing the Library Commons. He would like to see us substantially contributing to the updating of the library materials collection, which is in great need of it.

We can apply for a \$20,000 grant prize from the Gates Foundation for the best small library in America. An increase in membership and current activities would help with this.

#### **Library report:** Rachel:

Programming for the Summer Reading Program has been in the works this past month. We are going to have six weeks of programming not only for children but for the entire family. The theme is: Reading is so Delicious! Movies, lip balm, story time, crafts, and seed library launch are on the way this summer. The calendar of events will be available soon.

Staff attended an Ehealth training which will be very beneficial in directing patrons to accurate, up-to-date information on consumer health concerns. I will be training Dee and Pat in the near future so they can also assist patrons.

New purchases are coming in mass quantities. It is the end of fiscal year, just about! You will see new books on CD, Westerns, Romance, sustainability books, Children's books and DVDs. We spend over \$7,000 on the new material for our library.

Fabian from Fort Bragg library has been coming to our library to help add the rest of our collection to Horizon. Staff is making wonderful progress with this huge, daunting task.

We have had a few complaints about our WiFi service. The signal is weaker with this router and patrons are getting kicked off regularly. Our IT department is looking into the problem.

Thank you, Friends for hosting the book giveaway! It is wonderful to have more valuable space to work with. We will have a free cart outside everyday with the discarded books that are regularly withdrawn from the collection.

Our checkout rates continue to gradually increase. With the nice air-conditioned facility I am hoping the summer months will bring in a lot of patrons to the library.

Holiday July 4<sup>th</sup> the library will be closed.

**Email list for community bulletin board notice: Gus:**

The Chamber of Commerce would like to alert more people about the Round Valley Yahoo News Group and invite them to join. A request to access the Friends email address list was approved.

**Rental agreement with county:**

The Friends would like a start date for payment of rent from the county. When we get that, we will put the utilities in our name, as per the MOU. Carol agreed to contact Mindy with that request.

**Rental Agreement with Farmers Market Coffee shop:**

The agreement will expire in August and we will renegotiate. Lew, Diann, Carol and Izzy have expressed interest in being on a committee to work on this and will meet soon.

**Building issues:**

Changing table: First 5 has given us funding to install a diaper changing station in the women's restroom. We have also raised \$85 to cover other expenses. This will go in the handicap stall as there is no other space there to put it. A motion was made and passed to approve the purchase.

North wall restoration: Larry would like to pressure wash and stain the north wall of the commons building. He will get a bid from a painter.

There is money in the budget for building an office for the Friends in the storage room. The storage room also needs renovation.

**Next Meeting:** July 11 (second Thursday because of July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on the first Thursday)

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50