

Minutes of FRVPL General Meeting of
July 11, 2013

Attending:

Ernie Racitte
Ed TePas
John Marshall
Lew Chichester
Carol Borden
Cindy Swan
Betsy Brown
Isabelle LeMieux
Joe Gauder
Diann Simmons
Larry Fugman
Pat Sobrero
Crystal Rae

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.
Ernie Racitte was introduced.
The 6/6/13 minutes were approved.

Kitchen report: Izzy:

Kitchen Use Report:

06/04-06/28

6 days + 2hours

Roy Elliot: Roys BBQ

\$222

06/13,06/20,06/27

Diann Simmons: Nutrition Basics

\$135

06/25/13

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:

Josh Zack has completed the construction in the storage room. There are now hooks and knife magnets on the walls and there is much more usable space.

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.

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 ~ \$ 48.39

County Library Lease Utility agreement:

We have not heard back from the county about when they will start their rental payments so we can switch the utilities into the name of FRVPL. When we get the check from the county, we will switch at that time. If the rent payment is effective July 1, we will reimburse the county for the amount they paid from July 1 to the time we receive the check and do the switch.

Movie night and seed library: Pat:

Last month's movie was Edible City, Grow the Revolution. 12 people attended and we

took in \$48. Expenses were minimal for this film and we were able to purchase 2 books: Biodynamic Year by Maria Thun and Reverence, Obedience and the Invisible in the Garden a collection of Alan Chadwick's lectures.

So far this year the Movie series has been able to purchase 22 books for the library.

The Sunday afternoon showing has not been attracting many folks, so I'm going to give it another two months to see if attendance improves. We might end up going back to just Friday nights.

Tomorrow night and Sunday afternoon we'll be showing Bidder 70. It follows Tim DeChristopher, an American climate activist and co-founder of the environmental group Peaceful Uprising. On December 19, 2008 he protested a Bureau of Land Management oil and gas lease auction of 116 parcels of public land in Utah's redrock country by successfully bidding on 14 parcels of land (totaling 22,500 acres) for \$1.8 million with no intention to pay for them. He was arrested and jailed for almost 2 years. Saying they had been rushed into auction with insufficient environmental and scientific review, the Interior Department canceled many of the leases shortly after the auction and a subsequent court injunction.[5]

The **Seed Library** opened mid June. The response has been positive. While most people had already purchased seed for the year, we do have some folks checking out seed for their fall gardens. We have a promise of herb seed donations from John Mancinelli, and a patron yesterday promised some Covelo Reservation beans.

Emily has interviewed Farmer John and me for a piece she's doing on The Seed Library for KYBU and maybe KMUD.

I've done three spots on the radio talking about the seed library and what we should be planting this time of year.

Our Facebook Page has over 200 fans.

I am looking for someone to teach some free classes on beginning gardening. I'd like to offer classes on seed starting next spring, too. So if you have suggestions, please share them with me.

Proposed event: Joe Nightsun Snavelly proposed a music event on Aug 17, which is Blackberry Festival Saturday. The Itals, a well known reggae band, would play. They would take the door and we would get the money made at the bar.

Newsletter: Ed
Ed went to Boston and saw the Red Sox. He likes California weather better. Emily is helping him use Mail Chimp for the online newsletter.

Radio: Lew
The station is almost out of the closet. The new computer is slowing down the process. Mike Gorman, the superintendent at the school, is interested in community outreach and radio involvement.

Library report: Rachel
We had our third Summer Reading Program Children's hour today. The group is smaller than last year, nonetheless successful. Today we made carrot salad with the kids after reading carrot stories.

Make sure to join us for the showing of A Place at the Table: one nation underfed next

Thursday at 4:30 p.m. or Friday at 7:00 p.m. The documentary demonstrates the serious cultural, economic and social implications of hunger in our country. What does it take to make healthy food available and affordable for all?

Mindy will be at the farmer's market on July 17th to demonstrate do-it-yourself lib balm and perfume for teens and adults.

We weeded out all of the VHS movies and books on tape. They are all available to purchase for \$.50 each. The popular titles will be replaced in DVD format. We purchased about 30 new books on cd. They have to be cased and processed still. We are preparing for the installation of the board behind the circ. desk to house the dvd collection.

We will hire a children's librarian to work three days in Willits and two days in Round Valley. We look forward to more programs for the youth. I am hoping two to three more programs will come of this new position. The candidates will come to Round Valley to get an idea of the drive and community. They will learn circulation desk duties, but their primary focus will be on programming and outreach. I look forward to having more help and opportunities available at our branch.

Mindy is working towards getting self-check out machines at all of the branches. This will take some time for patrons to get used to, but it will be very beneficial for the staff to have more time directing patron's to the information they need.

Rachel would like some support to go to a seminar Oct 9: "Future of Libraries". We passed a motion to pay her expenses not to exceed \$200.

Farmers Market Coffee shop agreement: As per the committee meeting, Izzy presented the proposed changes to the current agreement:

Shop to pay 500/month rent. Rent can be reviewed after a period of 6 months.

FMC to pay actual utilities cost estimated ~ 450-500/month. Friends will provide a utilities bill.

Rent is to be paid by check or money order sent to PO box 620. A late charge of 10% will be assigned if the rent is paid after the 5th, an additional 10% will be assigned if the rent is paid after the end of the month.

Use of the kitchen facilities and equipment will be under the review and control of the kitchen manager. FMC will be permitted to use the kitchen 60 hours per month.

FMC will provide current insurance and workman's comp. with the friends listed as named insured.

Work trade will not be available

Required Janitorial tasks will be as follows:

Daily at end of shift:

Mop the floor and wipe tables in the lobby
Check the patio and do whatever clean up required (pick up trash, wipe tables, sweep if necessary)

Patio area will be kept clear of trash
compost and empty boxes.

Daily bathroom check to see if paper towels and toilet paper are adequate and clean anything that looks gross.

Trash area to be kept tidy. lids on all containers no trash outside of containers.

4 days a week (Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun):

Thoroughly clean bathrooms (attached is the Bathroom Cleaning Procedure developed by

Lee and Diann)

Sweep the hall

Weekly:

Remove trash--take to dump and recycling.

Dump run will be made at least 1 x per week, including diaper disposal.

Lobby windows will be cleaned, outsides as well

Have 2 mop heads and take one home and wash it every week.

Wash patio.

Further discussion:

We need a specific agreement for use of the lobby.

A grievance procedure would go through the building committee and Izzy.

We need a plan for exterior maintenance.

Some things need immediate attention.

Fundraising:

Crystal Rae proposed to take full responsibility for a benefit music event featuring the band Poor Man's Whiskey. This might take place at the Black Butte campground in September. This was generally supported.

Betsy suggested there be personal outreach to large donors of the past.

Building use committee: Lew

Lew is exploring a solar voltaic grid tie package. It could cost \$60,000. There is 15,000 square feet of roof space available. We asked him to look into it further.

The cooling system in the lobby/coffee shop area needs major improving. It was proposed FMC install an exhaust fan in the vendor area to run automatically at night and the Friends install a swamp cooler in the lobby. The lobby thermostat would be removed and the library thermostat would be used for both areas.

Website: John

John will delete unused pages.

He will develop an online payment capability for donations, events and merchandise.

We passed a motion to raise the minimum membership amount from \$5 to \$10.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Next meeting in three weeks, Aug. 1st.

Submitted by Carol Borden