

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL

Thursday February 6, 2014

Meeting called to order 5:04pm

Attending:

Joe Gauder
Ed TePas
Lew Chichester
Carol Borden
Pat Sobrero
John Marshall
Michael Mills
Larry Fugman
Mary Lou Mileck
Rachel Borum
Gus Evans
Betsy Brown

California seller's permit:

There is no necessity to get a seller's permit. This issue has been looked into before, as we used to have one and it was determined that it didn't apply to the Friends fundraising through selling merchandise.

Best Small Library:

We didn't get it. We can try again next year.

Disaster relief survey:

This is an assessment of the community for areas that are prepared to help the community in case of a disaster. The firehouse is set up for a lot of these functions, such as shelter for those who have lost the use of their homes. The sheriff has offered a confiscated generator to the radio station so they can broadcast in case of a power outage. There might be a larger one available for the Commons as we have some resources such as the community kitchen that could be helpful in emergency situations.

Radio:

Jay Leahy is doing a radio program on Wednesdays at 8pm during February, "We Who Believe in Freedom," sharing his personal experiences in the South during the Civil Rights Movement of 1964-1968 along with music from that period. It will be archived. The station has a new web host and is starting to archive original material broadcasts.

Movie Report:

About 24 people attended last month's film Symphony of the Soil. It was very well received. The film cost \$73.50 to show, and took in \$82.08, which means we cleared \$8.58. We had a small carryover from last month and so were able to purchase 2 books for the library, one of which is an FFA guide for the children's section on raising goats. Tomorrow's film is More Than Honey, a look into the lives of bees, and their relationship with us. I highly recommend it.

Seedy News:

The Seed Library received another donation of seeds. John and Theo from Sustainable Seed Co. have also asked for a "wish list" so I've turned in a request for mostly shorter-lived seeds as well as some crops we didn't have much of. Since the donations we usually get from outside seed companies are usually a year old, it helps to have the very freshest seed for things like onion, parsnips, and spinach and Sustainable Seed gives up seed from their current stores. We had a work party two weeks ago and have another scheduled for tomorrow morning. We are well prepared for spring and already have new members signing up and folks beginning to check out seed. We have scheduled a "Starts Swap" for Saturday, May 31st, 10-12 noon. People who begin plants from seed for later transplant often end up with more than they need. They'll be able to bring their extras to trade with other gardeners. Nina Burokas, from Sustainable Seed Co., and I are also planning a workshop for beginning gardeners. The planning is in the initial stages, but it should be happening soon, so sign up for The Seed Library mailchimp announcements, either through completing a membership form in the library or by going to our facebook page: www.facebook.com/TheSeedLibrary and clicking on the email signup icon (it looks like a rainbow coming out of an envelope), right under the cover photo at the top of the page. Three other libraries in our system have contacted us asking for information on starting a seed library, and it sounds as if some volunteers from Willits will be driving in to see the library soon.

Newsletter:

We have a 40% open rate, very good for this kind of internet mass mailing. 300

Newsletters were sent out. The next issue will feature Floyd Barney and Elmer Bauer. Library Report: Rachel: It will be four years in March that we moved into our building. We could have a small celebration in the library and next year have a big party for the fifth anniversary. The slat wall and shelves have been installed behind the circ desk for DVDs. We have lots of new ones. Rachel wants a DVD cleaner. She will do more research and choose an appropriate one.

Website:

The Roundvalley.org website that now belongs to the Friends does not promote businesses so our non-profit status is not in jeopardy. There is a directory of businesses with only electronic contacts listed, no phone number. We could host paid ads for members that could give more information.

Budget:

A draft was presented that was formulated at the budget committee meeting. Input is welcome. There could be more items such as outreach and technology:

FRIENDS OF THE ROUND VALLEY LIBRARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET -

January 1, 2014 to

December 31

Money in Bank

\$81,000.00

Reserve (For unanticipated costs)

\$25,000.00

Maintenance Reserve

\$2,00

0.00

TOTAL Available to spend

\$54,000.00

Anticipated Income Memberships, Contributions, Donations \$9,000.00

Earmarked Contributions \$0.00

Grants/Institutional donations \$0.00

Book Grants \$0.00

Merchandise income -books, rain gauges, etc \$2,300.00

Special events revenues \$8,000.00

Library Rent: Month: \$

1800 Total:

\$21,600.00

Coffee shop rent: Month: \$300 Total: \$3,600.00

Coffee shop utilities Month: \$400 total: \$4,800.00 ?

KYBU (blue Bldg rent) Month: \$

200 Total: \$2,400.00

Community room \$5,000.00

Kitchen Use \$6,800.00

Solar Grant

\$30,000.00
 TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$93,500.00
 Yearly Anticipated Expenses
 Library Book Budget \$3,500.00
 Educational display \$800.00
 Dues and Subscriptions \$200.00
 General Supplies \$750.00
 Maintenance/Repairs Month: 250 total: \$3,000.00
 Janitorial Month: 125 Total: \$1,500.00
 Utilities Month: \$1800 total: \$21,600.00 ?
 Insurance \$6,500.00
 CPA \$2,000.00
 Website Hosting \$250.00
 Seed Library \$750.00
 Fundraising costs \$3,000.00
 Misc. \$1,500.00
 Subtotal Yearly Expenses \$45,350.00
 Anticipated Construction or One-Time Expenses
 Utilities Metering \$1,000.00
 Store-room Conversion and Bldg air conditioning \$6,000.00
 Kitchen Equipment & Supplies \$5,500.00
 Exterior Bulletin Board & Cabinet \$750.00
 Building Exterior \$4,000.00
 Landscaping \$2,500.00
 Revamp janitor's closet & 1,000.00
 Relocate hot water heater \$1,500.00
 Solar PV System \$30,000.00
 Total Other expenses \$52,250.00
 TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$93,500.00
 TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES \$97,600.00
 NET ANTICIPATED ANNUAL REVENUES -\$4,100.00

Fundraising:

We need volunteers for the Valentine's Day dance. We will have a bar and serve food. Door and food is by donation. Qgiv is set up and we have received one donation through it.

Building:

We need to ask our insurance agent:

if alcohol is served at a private party would the homeowner's insurance of the participant cover our liability? One member is having a private party and we agreed that her \$500,000 of liability with a rider would be adequate to approve her serving alcohol.

Lew will install the diaper changing tables now that the library garbage service has been expanded to every week. The holes in the roof for the water heater vent and the solar panels will be made next week.

Meeting adjourned 6:33pm

Next meeting: March

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Submitted by Carol Borden, Secretary FRVPL