

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Thursday March 6, 2014**

### **Meeting called to order 5:05pm**

#### **Attending:**

Mindy Kittay, county librarian  
Mark Epperson, library administrative services manager  
Rachel Borum, library associate  
Ed TePas, president  
Lew Chichester, vice president  
Joe Gauder, treasurer  
Carol Borden, secretary  
Pat Sobrero  
Michael Mills  
Betsy Brown  
Cindy Swan  
Bruce Hillbach-Barger  
Jessy Jane Pope

#### **County Librarian's report:** Mindy:

The county will be holding community meetings to give everyone in the county a chance to give their input. Currently scheduled:

Saturday, March 22 10am-12noon in Ukiah

Sunday, March 23 in Willits

Monday, March 24 in Fort Bragg.

The plan is to have a meeting in all communities, whether they have a library or not. There is also an online survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mendolibrary>

The county's budget year runs from July to June. Any input must be received by March 17.

It was recommended that the Friends ask the county for \$1,000 to finish an office that is outside the county library area. The site for this is currently under consideration and progress can begin soon.

There was a request from the local watershed group that the county purchase 20 films about salmon to be shown at a festival in Round Valley this fall. The county agreed to buy the films and it was suggested to the group and they agreed to help facilitate the purchase so it could be done in a timely manner. There are a great deal of DVDs that have been donated and volunteers are actively engaged in the laborious procedures of processing them for shelving. Checkouts of DVDs have significantly boosted our library circulation.

The county is getting faster internet service for the libraries, funded through E-Rate, which is a program of USAC.

The county needs to receive a bill for rent from the Friends by June so we can be paid in a timely manner. Our annual rent runs from July to June.

**Radio:** Lew:

Jay Leahy's live radio program on Wednesdays during February, "We Who Believe in Freedom," has been well received. The station is also broadcasting live basketball games from the high school.

**Sustainability Movie Series:** Pat:

Our February film was one of our more popular features, with at least 35 people braving the cold to attend. They were generous, too, and donated \$169 toward the Sustainability book fund. Thank you, Round Valley! We got another donation later of \$20. The movie cost just over \$30. We were able to purchase 9 titles for the library and carry forward a small balance towards this month's film.

March's film is *Call of Life*, and it will screen at 7 pm on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The film investigates the growing threat posed by the rapid and massive loss of biodiversity on the planet. The primary drivers of species loss include habitat destruction, global climate change, pollution, and invasive species; all compounded by the expanding human population and our consumption patterns. *Call of Life* examines the collective and individual choices we have before us, and how the decisions we make—or fail to make—in the next decade will affect the habitability of Earth possibly for millions of years to come. Posters are up around town, the radio spot should air beginning Friday and the email announcements will go out next week

**Seedy News:** Pat:

The Seed Library received four donations of seeds this month, one from Sustainable Seed Co., one from Turtle Tree Seeds, which specializes in biodynamically grown seed, and another large donation from Mancinelli Farms.

Since it is spring, we've been busy. New people are coming in to check out seeds all the time. We've had two work parties so far and volunteers put labels on envelopes, got seeds packaged up and put into the catalog, and brochures folded.

We are having our first workshop tomorrow afternoon, a seed starting party at the Farmers Market, starting at noon and going until 3 (or until supplies run out). We purchased six-packs and plant labels, and acquired donations of potting soil from M&M and CBFS. We're inviting people to come and plant seeds to take home to go into the garden. We'll pass out planting calendars for the area and provide seed and basic gardening information. Posters are up advertising the event, the radio spot is playing, and the MailChimp announcement has gone out.

The facebook page [www.facebook.com/TheSeedLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/TheSeedLibrary), has over 970 likes.

**Newsletter:** Ed:

Ed would like some suggestions for next month's newsletter

**Fundraising:** Joe:

The Valentines Day dance cleared \$963. The next event will be "Made in America: The Great American Songbook" March 22, organized by Olli Nummelin and co-sponsored by the Friends and KYBU. There will be a fundraising committee meeting at the Commons Tuesday March 11 at 4pm before the radio meeting.

Carol is donating one of Adaire's paintings for a silent auction to benefit the Friends.

**Library Report:** Rachel:

Jill Dorman, the new children's librarian, will start in Round Valley at the end of March. Story time will be on hold until then. Rachel is still doing her weekly Saturday children's radio program.

The DVD cleaner has been ordered on a 30 day trail basis. Supply costs will be minimal, ranging from 2¢ to 25¢ per DVD, depending on the level of damage. This could be offered as a service to the community to raise money, but right now the library staff is swamped with work processing the DVDs we have. Currently, over 90% of the 300 DVDs that are shelved are checked out.

Rachel attended an early literacy workshop "L 2.0." She thinks it would be helpful to partner with a sister branch in an urban area that would be willing to share children's programming that they have developed.

Rachel noted that there were some neighborhood complaints about the noise at night from people gathered in front of the library to use the WiFi. There was a request that we turn it off at night but the group decided that was not

appropriate and signage could be made requesting users to be considerate of the neighbors.

The Community Foundation has given a grant of \$2,500 for children's books.

**Budget:** Joe

The budget draft that was presented at the last meeting was adopted without change.

**Building:** Lew

We need a maintenance coordinator. Problems with the facility arise and Lew takes care of them by default, but he would like someone to take that responsibility on as an official position. We need to develop a list of service providers, such as a plumber and an electrician, who could be called when there are problems.

Lew is having a wedding for his daughter and would like to have Izzy cater it. He would buy the equipment, dishes, etc that the kitchen does not have to cater off site for 150 people and then donate it to the Friend's kitchen. It could then be rented for that purpose in the future to raise money for the Friends.

The WiFi is not working reliably. Rachel will put in a request to the county tech person, Nick Wharf, to come up and work on it.

**Meeting adjourned 6:25pm**

**Next meeting: April 3, 2014**

Submitted by Carol Borden