

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Thursday April 3, 2014**

Meeting called to order 5:02 pm

### **Attending:**

Rachel Borum  
Ed TePas  
Lew Chichester  
Joe Gauder  
Carol Borden  
Pat Sobrero  
Michael Mills  
Betsy Brown  
John Marshall  
Kevi  
Izzy LeMieux  
Mary Lou Mileck

### **Skateboard Park: Kevi**

Kevi is working on a project to build a skateboard park at Hidden Oaks. He envisions an indoor/outdoor recreational facility. They have some grant money available. He asked for input and potential sponsorship from the Friends. There was a discussion of the project and it was recommended that he come back when he had a better idea of what the project was and what the Friends could do to help.

### **Building Use: Izzy:**

#### **Monthly Rental Update:**

This month saw a lot of activity in the community room. Rentals for private parties are on the rise. The songbook event was successful and fun for those who attended. Lynn had her last water color class this month and would like to go ahead with a spring session on Wednesdays. Roy's BBQ has not been around very often this month due to the rain, but Yovelo is back so the kitchen has still been busy.

The building committee met this week and discussed the dishwasher installation and water heater removal. The job is weather dependant and since we have been blessed with so much rain we are still waiting. We also discussed landscaping priorities which include: Re-vamping the existing garden, relocating the sand play area, and downsizing the off street parking to alleviate congestion. Our goal is to have two meetings before the general meeting next month where we will present a plan. The coffee shop has been taking the Commons garbage to the dump for a fee of \$10 per can. That is working well.

### **Leadership Mendocino Class XXI:**

The Friends need a representative to give a presentation on the Library Commons project April 18. Larry will give one on the library and commons and Lew will give one about the radio.

### **Mindy resigns:**

There is currently no interim library administrator.

**Sustainability Movie Series: Pat:**

Our March Movie had 19 attendees, and took in \$97 in donations. The movie cost about \$40 to show, so we were able to purchase two books, *The Buzz about Honeybees*, and *Gardening Without Work*. (*The Buzz about Honeybees* was recommended by visiting beekeeping instructor Les Crowder, who wrote a book on top bar beekeeping and who will be teaching a course here in Covelo May 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> at the old Pear Tree Ranch.)

April's movie is scheduled for 7 PM, Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. *Unacceptable Levels* is a film about the widespread use of artificial chemicals and their effects on the natural environment and on human health.

**Seed Library: Pat**

The Seed Library also has an event planned for April 11<sup>th</sup>. Two Seed Library volunteers will be at the Farmer's Markey for another seed planting party from 12 noon to 3pm. We'll have seeds for greens and some summer fruit "veggies" like cucumbers and summer squash that can be started now if they are kept inside or in a cold frame before planting out in late May or early June. We hope people plant extras to share at the plant swap we've scheduled for Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Library Report: Rachel Borum**

Communication is going to be essential to get through this transitional period without a Library Director and Administrative Service Manager. I foresee an increase in my responsibilities managing the branch due to the release of the two employees. The branch managers will be meeting with Vicki Mizel, a Professional Development and Systems Optimization Consultant often to ensure that our administrative needs and library plans are addressed and with Heidi Dunham, County Deputy CEO, to handle operational needs of the library for the time being.

When Ed came in the library to retrieve information about the large DVD donation for a newsletter article, I started to give our stats a closer look. I compared the circulation stats from January through March 2014. Since our library patrons borrow from Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino County libraries, I included circulation data broken down by counties. Books and DVDs are our primary materials checked out, so that is what is being analyzed. More DVDs are checked out than books; however both book and DVD checkouts are still on the rise. In January, there were 979 books checkout and 978 DVDs checked out (from all three counties). In March, 1200 books were checked out and 1725 DVDs. The number of new library cards issued has also increased.

Jill Dorman, our new Children's Librarian, will be starting a children's story time tomorrow April, 4, 2014 at 11:00am. She will hand out a survey to figure out what time will be the best for our community's families.

We could use more computer terminals, but things work out OK with the number we have.

County IT has delayed improving our WiFi range. Lew will follow up on that with Nick Warf, the county IT person.

**Nomination of FRVPL officers:**

Nominations were opened. Election next month. The sitting executive committee was nominated to serve again:

Ed TePas, president

Lew Chichester, vice-president

Joe Gauder, treasurer

Carol Borden, secretary

Izzy LeMieux, member at large

**Fundraising:** Larry:

We have raised \$3,578 this year to date. We had two fundraising events, the Valentine's Day dance which netted \$963 and the Great American Songbook show which netted \$1,160 for the library and an equal amount for the radio station. We have received \$1,455 in donations and memberships, including the amount donated by Lew for the purchase of DVD's. There is another \$900 pledged but not yet received from the auction of the Adaire painting. The annual printed newsletter and fundraising appeal has been very successful.

Larry thanked all the people who helped in the cleanup day.

**Tasks at hand:**

1. Decide on next event – One possibility - afternoon (3 – 7 pm) spaghetti dinner, available for eating on patio or take out. Local bands and singers for music. Possibly combine with FRVPL sponsored flea market.
2. Get Qgiv link on the template for the announcements and the newsletters.
3. Investigate Sumac for database of donors. Rainbow is willing to help with this and suggests that we have a small committee to decide on how exactly to set up the database. This would make our donor data more easily available, and also make data easier to enter. There would be costs involved – around \$20 per month.
4. Future events – FRVPL walk and race, musical event for Fall, printed fundraising appeal to all previous donors.
5. Update donors and honorees and post to website.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm

Next meeting: April 1, 2014

Submitted by Carol Borden