

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Thursday March 1, 2014

Attending:

Rachel Borum
Joe Gauder
Pat Sobrero
Betsy Brown
Edmund TePas
Isabelle LeMieux
Lew Chichester

Discussion and decision for general meeting time and site: Meeting times were discussed, a vote was taken, and the new meeting time will be the first Friday of each month at 5:00.

Invitation to create a newsletter issue: Ed would like contributions to the monthly/bi-monthly newsletter that the friends circulate. Izzy and possibly Rachel are going to write updates for the commons and library. Anyone else who would like to contribute some news, or share what they enjoy about the new space is welcome to write something up. Send it to Ed- ehlepas@yahoo.com

Solar update: Lew

The solar installation has been scheduled. Lew checked in with PG&E and they have completed our application. The installation could be started as early as next week, and will be completed by the end of May.

Award Presentation: Ed

Betsy Brown was presented with an proclamation of appreciation. Thanks Betsy! Ed also presented Diann Simmons with an award at her home, Thanks Diann!

Sustainability Movie Series: Pat

April's film had 14 attendees, and took in \$7 in donations. This was not enough to cover expenses, so we did not purchase any books this month. This month's film, Musicwood, will show on Friday, May 9th at 8 pm. It is a fascinating story about guitars, their music, the wood that makes them, and how it is harvested. It follows guitar makers from Gibson, Martin, and Taylor guitars as they travel into the rainforest in Alaska to negotiate with Native loggers to try to convince them to change their logging practices to ensure that the wood used to build the acoustic guitar is not logged into extinction. The film is compelling and plays out like a thriller.

The posters are up and the radio spot is playing. I'll be sending e-mail announcements out early next week.8.

Seed Library: Pat

The Seed Library had two “planting parties” in April, scheduled during Farmers Markets. The first was very well attended; probably 60 people showed up and left with planted seeds. The second was last Friday, it was a cold and drizzly day, and we had about 15 attendees.

On Saturday, May 31st, we’ll have a Starts Swap/Sale from 10 am till noon on the patio behind the library. People who have started plants are welcome to bring them to trade with or sell to others. We request that folks who come to sell their plants will find a way to contribute to the seed library – perhaps donating a few packets of fresh seeds early next year. Many seeds are short-lived and will only keep a year or two (like onions, parsnip, and spinach) so the Seed Library needs to replenish those every year, if possible. Radio report. Lew

Librarian’s Report: Rachel

The library has been approached by Mr. Gregg Gardiner (gregg@101things.com,

707-834-9595, cell), President/Publisher of 101 Things to do. He said the Chamber had an ad or had some kind of arrangement with him. The cafe or the FRVPL get an ad in his publication. He wants to put a kiosk for the local attractions in the library (that part is free).

Art in the library: The next art exhibit in the library will be artist Marjo Wilson, May-July. In August John Marshall will hold an exhibit through summer, and Lynn Zachreson will follow for our fall exhibit.

Thanks to our educational display committee, Pat, John and Barbara Youngblood, created a wonderful display case on games and diversions.

Our walls are filled with DVDs. We will need to purchase another 30 shelves at least to keep up with collection development. I would like to ask the FRVPL if I can order another round at \$823.75 (about \$ 22.50 each). We are getting 20 children’s titles, 20 non-fiction titles, 30 recent box office hits, and 30 books on CD titles.

Allen Frazier and Georgina Wright Pete were both encouraged to suggest titles for purchase for the First American collection. We will be ordering \$5,000 worth of titles soon.

Curtis Dightman has been helping process new DVDs and has done a wonderful job filing and shelving. He just picked up how to operate the new DVD repair machine and cleaned about 20 discs.

Jill Dorman, our new Children’s Librarian will be organizing our Summer Reading Program. I will help facilitate and create programming with Jill. We would like to have performers for the SRP and would like to request \$200 for at least two local performers. We also would like to ask for a budget of \$150 for craft supplies and

incentives for the SRP. I would like the annual budget to include \$400/year for story hour.

Fundraising: Larry via email

I sent you a message earlier this week about Nightsun wanting to bring Don Carlos to the Community Room on BBF weekend, August 16. I went ahead and reserved the room for that day. Nightsun wants to raise money for an upgraded sound system for the room. I'm OK with this. I'm not sure he meant that all of the money raised need go to a sound system, and I believe that this is open to discussion. I'm hoping the core Friends group is on board for this idea.

I don't have any news about new fundraising numbers this month.

The Friends discussed funds from the event going to a new sound system. Although no one is opposed to the idea, it was proposed that a certain amount of the funds be allocated to paying for professional cleaning after the event.

Election of officers:

The sitting executive committee was elected to serve again:

Ed TePas, president

Lew Chichester, vice-president

Joe Gauder, treasurer

Carol Borden, secretary

Izzy LeMieux, member at large]

Radio Report: Lew

The radio has been providing coverage of the district supervisors primary election. KYBU has aired live interviews of several of the candidates. The next KYBU fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 4th. It is being organized by John Gruey. It will be a trial run for a more formal event format.

Landscaping plan: Izzy

The landscaping committee has drafted a plan to finish the landscaping surrounding the commons area and the walnut grove. We would like to focus on creating habitat for butterflies and other pollinators. some funding is available through the Monarch way station project. the plan includes expanding the existing garden area, and installing planter boxes in front of the library, along the sidewalk on howard st., and in the parking area to minimize double parking issues. we would like to remove a problem tree and plant three additional trees. We will relocate the sand box and create a kid zone. other features include a bike rack, benches, a water feature, a gazebo and some functional art pieces that children could play on. We would like to plant

butterfly shrubs around the perimeter of the walnut grove to create additional habitat and shelter from the road. We have 2,500 allotted for the project and if we are able to meet the criteria of a monarch way station more funds could be available. Many people have already offered to donate materials and time.

Rental Report: Izzy

This month was relatively quiet for private rentals of the community room. The standard uses have still been occurring but we do not have any party rentals. The kitchen has been busy with Roy's BBQ, Yovelo, and the coffee shop. Since money has been allocated to purchase equipment for the kitchen it is now time for me to make some purchases. I plan on making several long awaited purchases this month. Another long awaited kitchen development is the installation of the dishwasher. Unfortunately it will not be installed in time for the KYBU fundraiser on eh 4th but it should be operational by the end of the month.

Recorded by Izzy LeMieux on May 1, 2014