

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, June 6, 2014

Attending:

Rachel Borum

Joe Gaurder

Pat Sobrero

Betsy Brown

Edmund TePas

Isabelle LeMieux

Lew Chichester

Ernie Racette

Larry Fugman

Carol Borden

Wally Clark

Genevieve Middleton

Jill Dorman

Zev, Carmelo and Mingus Gatto

Interim County Librarian: Wally Clark

Wally has been appointed library director for a period of 90 days. He has 25 years of experience as a librarian and library administrator. There is a financial challenge in Mendocino County, even with Measure A funds which takes some of the pressure off. Wally et al are working on a strategic plan. The county will be holding community meetings for local feedback and future forward view. The Round Valley meeting will be July 18 at 6 pm.

Radio: Lew:

To raise money, instead of having pledge drives, KYBU has two annual membership drive events. The station has around an \$18 to \$20,000 annual budget. There is no paid staff, all personnel are volunteers. Currently, 22 people are producing shows. There will be a membership drive party on Sunday June 29 in the walnut grove. There will be five hours of entertainment and it will be free for members.

KYBU is experiencing less equipment and technical breakdowns.

The radio crew is forming an emergency response team.

Solar project: Lew:

The \$30,000 grant will cover 50 photovoltaic panels generating 14 – 15 KW of electricity. This will be a sufficient amount for the library and commons room usage. This should be installed next week. We will get proposals for a power outage backup system for crucial operations, such as pumping water and running the internet and radio.

Insurance: Lew:

Our insurance will cover any FRVPL alcohol event with a sheriff's ABC sales permit for a one time event. Private parties cannot sell or take "donations" for alcohol or charge an entry fee if

alcohol is being served. They also must buy a rider for the event and not advertise in any way that alcohol is being served.

Thursday community living room: Betsy:

Attendance has been down. Betsy's three month commitment to sponsor it has come to an end. Her friend Baboo is willing to take over responsibility for one more month.

Movie: Pat:

Last month's movie was Musicwood. Twelve people attended and \$55 in donations was taken in, which just covered the price of the movie and license. It was our last movie of the regular season, as during summer the movies are not as well attended.

There is a possibility that we will show one film before we start up our regular season in the fall, *Open Sesame*, a documentary about seeds, has just been released and Pat has sent the filmmakers a query and is waiting to hear back.

Over the course of the season, we have shown 7 films to about 135 attendees, and been able to purchase 15 new books for our library.

Seed Library: Pat:

The Seed Library's Plant Sale/Swap was very well attended by both buyers and sellers! There wasn't a slow moment between 10 and noon, and a couple of sellers stayed even later and continued to sell plants. Perhaps as many as 100 people all together were involved in the event, it was too busy to count. We got some good publicity for the Seed Library, and the garden at Yuki Trails got the few leftover plants that were remaining at the end of the day.

Bountiful Gardens donated some Covelo Reservation Beans to the seed library. Pat is looking for gardeners who would be willing to plant a couple of dozen bean plants solely for saving the seed of this rare heirloom. (Only two places sell the seed in the US.)

The folks at Bountiful Gardens also suggested three possible sources for seeds grown by Alan Chadwick in his garden projects. Pat will try to acquire some of these seeds which are of particular interest to this community.

Library Report: Rachel Borum

Staff will be meeting every first Friday of the month at 9:00am to check in about changes and updates in the library at both our branch and the larger library system. This will help keep lines clear between what Rachel picks up at the monthly Branch Head meetings with the other library managers and staff. Rachel has been having very informal individual check-ins with staff throughout the work week; however this staff meeting will include volunteers, too.

Rachel has noticed library use down from last month. With the season changing and more to do outside she foresees June slowing down on most days.

Pat has been working eight hours on our busiest day, Tuesday, when our delivery arrives and returns are coming in from the weekend. It has been very beneficial to have her for a full day, thank you, Pat!

We will be changing the collection around a bit to make room for our growing Young Adult section. Areas that will be moved are the mystery, juvenile fiction, books on CD, young adult and western sections. The large type books will have easier access by the patron computers instead of by the busy DVD collection.

Summer reading program is almost here, starts June 20 –August 14.

Let's be sure to help Jill, the children's librarian, get out the word and make this year's program the best ever here in Round Valley. Jill is doing outreach at the schools and at Head Start. She started a weekly Storytime at Head Start today.

Risk management came to visit us on Wednesday to discuss safety issues in the library. We are in need of more staff and hope to get at least a 20 hours/week position. We will have a patron log for problematic patrons by the circulation desk. Wally said we might need to shift our hours so we always have two staff in the building. This might mean closing to the public when there is not full coverage.

Community meeting is coming July 18 at 6:00P.M at the Library Commons. Please make sure you attend and promote attendance throughout our community. We want to hear what the library means, what can we do within our means to provide more of what the community wants, and any general comments and concerns. We can use Mail Chimp to reach out to the community about this meeting.

The main library door has been jammed for the last two weeks. Rachel contacted Willits Lock and Key, but she did not schedule a repair since last time (about two months ago) we were charged over \$300 for an extra expense to drive out to Covelo. She is now handing it over to Lee.

Filters and vents need to be cleaned. There is a musty smell every morning when the staff arrive. Rachel spoke to Lee about this.

Fundraising: Larry:

Year to date we have raised \$7,208. This includes events, membership and contributions and grants.

There is a Blackberry Festival benefit scheduled with Don Carlos. Nightsun Snavelly has volunteered to help organize it and would like to spend part of the proceeds on a better sound system. There will also be the annual FRVPL walk and race, a booth and possible raffle. There could be a musical event in the Fall and another snail mail printed fundraising appeal to all previous donors.

There has been no progress on improving the Qgiv donation page online. Creating a new database through Sumac is on hold.

Landscaping project: Genevieve:

Genevieve presented a plan for landscaping the area to the west of the Commons building which was generally well received. It was proposed that the people involved in implementing the plan help raise money for it.

Kitchen and building use: Izzy:

WIC wants to use the building once, as their usual place isn't available at that time. They would like to have a phone line available, but that isn't possible. They have requested a waiver of rent, which was approved. They will give a cleaning deposit.

Fish and Game will have a public outreach meeting June 10.

The Broken Feather event, which was privately sponsored, seemed successful, although our alcohol policy was apparently not adhered to. We need to make this policy clear to renters so future mistakes can be avoided.

Madeline Shepherd is now a regular kitchen renter. She makes baked goods for sale at Farmers Market.

The hot water heater is in the process of being moved. The dishwasher will be installed. Lee has been hired to be our new handyman.

We need to find out what the insurance coverage for Blackberry Festival is and if we need to address this for our own liability.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Next meeting: July 18 at 5pm to coincide with the Community Library Meeting at 6:00pm on the same day and to avoid a holiday meeting on July 4th.

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, FRVPL