

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL**

**Friday, July 18, 2014**

### **Attending:**

Rachel Borum  
Joseph "Joe" Gauder  
Patricia "Pat" Sobrero  
Edmund "Ed" Tepas  
Isabelle "Izzy" LeMieux  
Larry Fugman  
Carol Borden  
Wally Clark  
Jill Dorman  
Marie Louise "Mary Lou" Mileck  
Bob Dill

Meeting was called to order at 5ish pm.

### **Solar project:**

Report from **VP Lew** who could not attend: "The solar project has been signed off by the building department and the application to PG&E completed. At some point in the near future (anticipating 10 to 15 days from now) PG&E will give us the approval to flip the switch and start feeding back into the grid. I really don't know how the billing will work. I don't know if we see credits each month, or some kind of rebate at the end of the year. "The invoices for the total cost, including roofing modifications, were \$31,480. Diann Simmons has been provided with copies of all the billings, and will be completing the USDA grant funding application next week. We might not get reimbursed for the labor in the project (about \$6,000 +/-) but we'll wait and see. The grant funding was specifically for "equipment" and we don't know if that will include the installation costs as well.

"No matter what, the solar grid tie will allow the Friends to do more with the rents from the county to expand the collection, or whatever the branch librarian wants to do, instead of just paying utility bills." "This example might be one of the things Wally needs to hear as a goal of the other branch libraries or friend's groups. Go solar, invest the savings in community outreach, expand collections, establish a fund to provide a stipend for guest speakers, etc. Our only limitation is our imagination."

### **Movie report: Pat:**

Movie night is on summer hiatus. A total of 17 new books have been purchased. Movie night will resume in the fall.

### **Wally's report:**

There will be a county meeting following the Friends meeting to allow community members to give their input about what they would like to see at the library.

Round Valley numbers are good.

The county is thinking of either having the bookmobile in Laytonville or building a self-serve kiosk that would be available at all times to check out books and materials.

Measure A money helps with books and facilities but we still must be careful with budgeting and be good stewards of the public dollar.

Wally considers Round Valley to be the "crown jewel" of the Mendocino library system.

### **Building report: Izzy:**

The entire building has been rekeyed.

The picnic tables in the walnut grove have been vandalized. They will be repaired by Blackberry Festival when they will be transported back to the festival grounds for their use.

Outside in front of the library has been seeing heavy use at night. There has been some vandalism and the area needs to be pressure washed. We could install some security measures such as motion sensor lights. Izzy will ask the sheriff and tribal police to patrol more at night. Lighting also needs to be included in general landscaping plans.

### **Library Report: Rachel:**

The large print books are being weeded and refreshed. 6 bins have gone to the bookmobile.

The reorganizing of the shelving has been completed.

There was a volunteer training session to clarify how to do the shelving.

The issue of making separate office space for the Friends in the storage area was brought up again. It is on the list, but hasn't been got to yet. The need is becoming pressing, so Bob Dill volunteered to take on the project. He will coordinate with Lew who has a plan.

Rachel wants to do Leadership Mendocino if her schedule allows. Her priorities are to develop her professional skills and go to conferences and graduate school. She will attend the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) conference. She would like an ongoing item in the Friends budget that would cover these expenses. She will make a proposal with an amount.

**Fundraising:** Larry:

	Income	Expenses	Net	Grants
Valentine's Day	2044	1081	963	
Songbook	2765	445	2320 x 1/2 = 1160	
Memberships & Contributions			3030 Including cost of DVD's from Lew	
Grants				2500 Community Foundation
Total			5153	2500

Above are the Fundraising numbers for 2014 including the grant from the Community Foundation.

The upcoming fundraiser will be Don Carlos and the Dub Vision Band August 16, Blackberry Festival weekend. This is an internationally known group. Nightsun Snavelly is organizing this with the goal of improving the sound system in the Commons with part of the proceeds. He has been raising money from sponsors and a Kickstarter campaign: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1979221733/don-carlos-and-dub-vision-benefit-for-the-round-va>. The Friends need around 8 volunteers to run the bar, setup, cleanup, publicity, security etc. We will need volunteers to walk through the patio area and remind people that they can't bring their own alcoholic beverages to the event and check for underage drinking. We might also put up some sort of fencing or canvas to better define the patio area. The Friends will have a Blackberry Fest booth. Nightsun is also organizing a raffle. Future events – FRVPL walk and race, BBF booth and raffle, musical event for Fall, printed fundraising appeal to all previous donors to go out September 15.

**KYBU: by email from Lew:**

Sheriff Tom Allman is donating \$1000 to KYBU to go towards an emergency backup system to allow us to continue broadcasting in the event of a power failure.

Meeting adjourned at 6ish pm

**Next meeting: August 1 at 5pm**

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, FRVPL