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FRVPL Meeting August 1, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Ed, Lew, Mary Lou, Cindy, Larry, Betsy, Pat.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

**The Library Advisory Board** has asked Friends groups to write letters to the County Board of Supervisors to support hiring a permanent County Librarian. Ed will write a letter suggesting a final decision on personnel be made sooner rather than later.

**Picnic tables** The picnic tables currently in the Farmers Market area, belonging to the Blackberry Festival Committee, will be moved shortly to the festival grounds. After the BBF, they will be repaired and returned. They will not be available (in their current location) for possibly several weeks.

**OUR LIBRARY IS NOW SOLAR-POWERED!** Lew got the okay and “flipped the switch” to turn on the system on Monday. As of 2 pm Friday, the system had already generated 775KwH of electricity. This will cover most, if not all, of the energy the library uses.

The system cost about \$32,000, most of which (\$26,000+) will be covered by the grant. Thanks Lew! Thanks Diann! The money we will save will be spent to enhance the library and improve its services to our community.

**Rachel's Report:** The RVPL Community Meeting was smaller than I had anticipated. However, the Mendocino County Libraries Community Feedback Surveys were a success! More than 60 were returned over the past few months and that is not including those completed online. Thanks for attending and giving us your feedback about our library system.

The benches and chairs outside the main library entrance have not been showing up these past couple of weeks and the outside looks not as messy as it has been.

Our stats increased since last month! Our checkouts increased by 491, requests resolved increased by 383, we had 213 more patrons, and 194 more patrons for computer use on our public terminals.

The new fiscal year is here and we have a little over \$22,350 to spend on books and supplies. We will continue to add new material in all genres. The collection is looking better every month and we have many compliments on our book purchases.

**Fundraising** As of mid-July, the Friends have raised about \$5,100 through events and memberships.

**Our next event will feature Don Carlos and the Dub Vision Band**, which will play on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (the Blackberry Festival weekend). Night Sun has been collecting donations and raffle prizes to defer expenses for the event.

From the Kickstarter page:

We are trying to raise funds for the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library to bring Don Carlos and The Dub Vision Band to perform at a fund raising concert in our small community on August 16, 2014. Proceeds from the event will go towards the improvement of sound equipment for the community room in our library.

(<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1979221733/don-carlos-and-dub-vision-benefit-for-the-round-va>)

**We need helpers for the Don Carlos benefit** (several shifts: set-up for the band Saturday 10 am–12:30 pm; more set up 5:30–8; bar and security 8-12 midnight; initial clean up 12 Midnight–1 am; then a final clean up Monday 10 am-12 noon.

Can you help for any of these slots? Even an hour or two would be beneficial. E-mail Larry at [lfugman@mac.com](mailto:lfugman@mac.com) .

**We also need helpers to work the Friends booth at the Blackberry Festival, both days! Shifts are 2 hours long** and begin at 11 am Saturday with booth set-up. If you are free any time during the Festival and would like to make a difference please contact Larry at [lfugman@mac.com](mailto:lfugman@mac.com). The Festival runs Saturday Noon-7 and Sunday 10-5. It is easy and fun, you have an awesome place to sit in the shade while you listen to music and support our fabulous library and community room! We'll be selling merchandise and raffle tickets, and taking memberships for people who want to support the Friends.

**“Dinner Club”** Some of our local chefs would like to offer a new option for folks who like to dine out. They propose using the commercial kitchen to prepare meals with locally grown/raised food, which will be served in the community room. Currently, they anticipate a twice-monthly dinner, the first and third Sundays of the month. This is still in the planning stages, more information to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 5:49.