

**Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL  
Friday, November 7, 2014**

**Attending:**

Ed TePas  
Pat Sobrero  
Carol Borden  
Lew Chichester  
Izzy LeMieux  
Larry Fugman  
Michael Mills

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.  
September 5, 2014 minutes approved.

**USDA grant: Lew:**

We need to finalize spending the balance of the grant money that was left over from the photovoltaic project, approximately \$4,000. The grant pays 75% of money spent on approved equipment. We have bought a refrigerator for the seed library to store seeds and upgraded the sound system in the community room. We can buy a desk for the new Friends office that is being built and nice folding chairs for the community room.

**Library Report: Pat:**

Rachel is at the California Library Association Conference in Oakland. Today she is attending a special pre-conference workshop: "Early Learning with Families," part of a two-year initiative she has been a part of.

2014 has been very busy for us! Statistics show that we have doubled our rate of check-outs and requests over the last year. We are looking forward to the County giving us a half-time position sometime in the near future to help us keep things organized and better serve our patrons.

We had several well-attended events in October. *Primal Mates*, *Poetry in Music*, *Music in Poetry* on the 8<sup>th</sup> was well-received.



Pat showed “Open Sesame, the Story of Seeds,” on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The movie was purchased with public performance *and* circulation rights, so it will be made available for our patrons as soon as it is added to our catalog. Pat is trying to get several more of her Sustainability Series films added to our catalog, as well.

On Halloween, the library hosted a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, and upwards of 40 patrons attended and enjoyed tea and cookies with our staff. In addition, the Eel River Charter School asked our staff to judge their Halloween costumes, so we were treated to a visit by each of the classes early in the day.



If you’ve been into the library this week, you’ve noticed our two new displays. In the large glass cabinet we have books and realia on printing and book making, including a small letterpress machine on loan from David Weitzman and other items on loan from Michael Mills.

On the walls, you will see the magnificent watercolors of Lynn Zacherson.

Our internet and WiFi were down Wednesday through Monday this last week, which resulted in a lower than usual patron count. The County has changed our service from Willits Online to their provider, and everything is up and running again.

The books from the McConnell Foundation library materials grant and the Community Foundation’s grant for children’s books have begun arriving. The refrigerator purchased with USDA monies for the Seed Library has been ordered. The Louis L’Amour books purchased with money from the Friends were ordered and are expected to arrive any day.

Staff and patrons are enjoying the Friend’s latest newsletter, thank you to all involved.

Last Monday, Rachel and library staff from the county met in Ukiah to update Mission and Vision Statements.

**Mission Statement:** The Mendocino County Library provides free and equal access to ideas, information, and resources. By encouraging life-long learning, creativity, and discovery, we support an enriched quality of life and democratic ideals in our communities.

**Vision Statement:** The Mendocino County Library envisions branched throughout the county that have an improved physical space that provides an appealing and safe environment for an engaged community of learners. We will provide programs every day, for all ages, using robust technologies. We will enhance

the collections, encourage staff development, improve outreach to our communities, and seek out new sources of funding for Library operations.

Pat presented a proposal to the Friends to update the library collection. The core collection needs radical improvement. Although around 3,000 new items have been purchased in the last year, the collection is severely dated. The Friends book budget of \$3,500 goes mostly for 80 to 100 large print books. Pat is asking for \$2,000 to fill out the classic fiction and a similar amount for philosophy and religion, then kid's DVD's and then modern fiction. It was decided to give the librarians \$2,000 for book purchases immediately. Our mission as Friends of the Library is to support the library and now that the majority of construction is complete and the building is basically self-sufficient from rents and fundraising, we need to go back to focusing in library needs.

It was suggested to have an "adopt-a-book" campaign, where we would solicit supporters to donate \$25 to purchase suggested books which would then bear a label acknowledging their donation.

**Radio:** Lew:

The third annual members' party will be December 13. The station has purchased a backup transmitter so there will be no interruption of transmission if the current transmitter should break down. They now need a generator in case of power failure. It was suggested that the Commons also have an emergency generator so we can function as a community resource in case of disaster. The sheriff has given us a donation to go towards that.

**Front door tripping hazard:** Lew:

It has been noticed that the concrete curb on the handicapped access ramp to the front door presents a tripping hazard. It was decided to put a railing over it and to paint a yellow border on the edge of the step at the top in front of the door.

**Fundraising:** Larry:

The newsletter has been hand addressed and mailed out and there are already responses to the fundraising appeal. There are about 500 people on the mailing list.

There is now a financial donors list displayed in the lobby. It starts with 2007 when fundraising for building the new library began and is current up to November 2014. The list is also available on the internet

There will be a dance November 15 with Keith Porter of the Itals. Nightsun is organizing this.

We will order stationary, 500 letterhead and envelopes.

**Building report:** Izzy:

Wylatti Resources would like to book the Community Room 12/5 for a party, but that coincides with the Friends monthly meeting. It was decided that we could meet in the media room in the library instead.

The rentals are good, with a sustained amount of income coming in. We have regular renters for the kitchen and the community room and things are going smoothly. The Hallowe'en party was a success. There was also an art opening that same night. The cooperative school will be having classes there. The supper club will have their second catered dinner 11/16. Their first dinner was a success.

Izzy is not having any luck finding a qualified plumber who has time to move the water heater. She will keep trying.

The plans for a new friends office are coming together. The storage will be moved so the work can begin.

Izzy will be gone from November 19 to December 3.

**Coffee shop update:**

Ideas for lease renewal and renegotiation were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

**Next meeting: December 5 at 5pm**

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, FRVPL