

Jan. 2, 2015 Friends of the Round Valley Public Library Meeting

Attendees: Ed TePas
Lew Chichester
Joe Gauder
John Marshall
Rio Palley
Jesse Jane Pope
Ruby Head
Susan Bradley
Kitty McDill
Pat Sobrero

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Susan Bradley and Kitty McDill came from Laytonville to learn a little about the history of the FRVPL. They represent a group working toward having a library station and Friends group in Laytonville.

Librarian's Report: Pat

We had a busy December! For the first two weeks after Rachel began her new job, only 12 hours of the 35 hours we're open to the public had double coverage. Patrons understood and no one complained about occasionally having to wait a little longer than usual for service.

December Statistics for 2015 were up over the previous December. We had 88% greater circulation than this time last year.

As of December 21st, Shakti was hired as an extra help library assistant and is working 20 hours a week.

Wally has pulled our Children's Librarian, Jill Dorman, to head up the Willits branch. Today was her last day.

We were closed to patrons Christmas week but Dee, Shakti, Curtis and Pat were in so we managed to get several projects completed. In addition to keeping up with returns and pull lists and processing several shipments of new books, we moved the freestanding children's picture bookshelves about 15 inches to the north to make room for the bookcase they will build and attach to the back of the juvenile fiction shelf, allowing us to enlarge that collection by a half. He will install that shelf Sunday 1-4-2015. We also weeded Westerns, adding barcodes to some and getting rid of a number of very worn and well-read paperbacks. Half of Fiction was quickly weeded, allowing us to remove some very old and worn editions from our collection. Additionally we did clean up jobs here and there. Curtis Dightman donates several hours almost every day to keeping up with the DVD collection so when you see him

around, please thank him on behalf of the community. All of us would be noticeably more stressed out if not for the work Curtis so graciously does for us!

Joe Gauder ordered and installed a lock on the cabinet drawer that houses the cash box, so when we work away from the desk, the money drawer is secure. John Marshall donated a beautiful wooden magazine rack that I wanted to use as a pamphlet rack, and Joe made “boosters” for each of the sections so the pamphlets would display.

The WARM foundation has donated \$1,500 to the Friends, asking that it be spent to purchase books for the children’s area.

Pat is ready to submit the final half of the book order for the Community Foundation Grant this week, as well.

Almost all of the core collection Classics order has arrived. So far 4 people have put “dibs” on 10 books they want to sponsor, we’ve collected half of the money for those books so far. They are already being checked out and many have been requested by other branches.

We’re back on the air! Pat has recorded one month’s worth of weekly library PSAs to let folks know of programs and services we provide. Rachel’s story hour is still playing on Saturday mornings, as well.

Our phone was having severe problems. It rang and either no one was there or the static was so bad it was impossible to communicate. Verizon came in at closing on Wednesday and replaced not only the phone line but also all the Internet connection lines. It will be interesting to see if this increases connection speeds.

On Thursday the 8th, we are having Rebecca Enberg from North Coast Opportunities in to give an orientation to new and seasoned volunteers. She will collect some legal paperwork, and we plan to have a packet of information for incoming volunteers for them to look at prior to training. Pat is putting together a Volunteer binder with information and procedures for our new volunteers.

Bob Dill has completed construction in the storeroom. The Friends’ area needs lighting installed. Rachel had begun organizing the Library’s area before leaving and it is now completed. There is one small box of books for Ed to take to the Book Juggler. There are some 50’s collectible paperbacks in there in excellent condition!

Applications for Associate position? I asked Wally on Monday to let us know as soon as he heard from HR; as yet we have not heard anything.

The 20-hour a week *Assistant* position is not yet open. We are looking forward to seeing it posted soon!

Pat researched the AWE Early Literacy Station computers that we emailed about early in the month. The two librarians she spoke with in our county absolutely love them. They feel they are extremely worthwhile and say the kids love them. Not only are they drawing kids into the library, the kids are getting important practice in readiness skills. We've been offered a discount from the representative of we place the order before January 20th. Literature was distributed to the group.

She shared a Library Wish List for a portion of the USDA grant. There are several items we would benefit from having: the 2 AWE computers (one English, one Bilingual), another book truck, a stepstool, a door counter for the back door, and some smaller items.

Action: Friends approved up to \$8000 towards the wish list.

Landscape Report: Put on hold until next meeting.

Radio Report: Meetings have been on hold for the holidays and will resume next week. There is ongoing outreach taking place with other community radio stations in the area (Ukiah, Willits, Laytonville, Ft. Bragg, Gualala).

Building Report: The Water Heater has been moved into the Utility Closet. Bob Dill has completed work on divvying up the storage room. The Friends' area still needs electrical outlets and lighting. Does it need paint or other work? Heating the space was discussed with the consensus being we should look into getting a radiant heater rather than using propane to heat the large space.

Coffee Shop: Rio, Jesse Jane, and Ruby attending this month's meeting to discuss the Coffee Shop lease. The lease expired in September. At the October meeting, a community member attended our meeting to express interest in negotiating a lease for the spot. At the November meeting it was decided to form a committee to accept and review proposals from the community. Rio and Jesse Jane wanted to let us know they would like to renew the lease and provided business information to the group. This information will be shared with the appropriate committee members.

Adjourn

Next Meeting in 5 weeks, 5:00 PM, February 6, 2015.