

**Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL
Friday, May 1, 2015**

Attending:

Pat Sobrero
Ed TePas
Larry Fugman
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Michael Mills
Gus Evans
Josh Bennett
Joe Gauder

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm.

April minutes were approved.

Tax situation

Our tax accountant noticed an error that will be expensive to fix. We will look into somehow reducing the accounting costs.

Radio: Lew

Things are going well. There will be a biannual members party Wednesday, June 24 in the evening. This will be free to members and beer, wine, memberships and merchandise will be sold. Single event liquor permits can be obtained in advance for more than one event at a time.

Library report: Josh:

April was the first full month for me as library Associate. Thankfully, I have learned the most basic “ins and outs” of library operations such as the Horizon record system and routines such as shelving, issuing library cards, purchasing and pull lists. It has been a wonderful experience being greeted and welcomed by community members, our friends group, and county library staff. Thank you all.



Weekly Storytime resumed at our branch on April 17th with stories and a short activity. The theme was colors. The second story time's theme was birds. We were very happy with the turnout both days with over 10 children each plus parents. Storytime happens at our branch every Friday at 2:00 in the children's section.

On April 22nd, Pat represented RVPL and our Seed Library at the Round Valley Indian Tribes Earth Day celebration. Our table was set up for 3 hours and provided seeds, soil, and six packs for interested gardeners. Pat also tabled for the seed library every other Friday in April at the farmers market at the Library Commons.

A new piece of hardware has been installed at our branch: the self check-out terminal. This computer will be operational next month and will give patrons the option to check out books without the help of library staff. In other tech news, internet connectivity has been good for the month of April. Both Wi-Fi and public computers have been consistently connected. The few computer issues we have had have been with the database, and those have been minor.

Early this month we welcomed artist Lynn Zacherson to the library for a small gathering to celebrate her wonderful paintings that are on display in the building. The event happened on the same night as the larger women's art show happening in the Commons-side of the building which showcased many art pieces from local artists.

A small change in our DVD section: Non-fiction films have been separated out from the others (they now are shelved after the other movies) and labeled with a small grey sticker. The documentaries can also be identified by their call numbers (other movies are alphabetized by title.) Staff is also taking special care to ask patrons how children's DVDs have played. This is in response to a perceived increase in damaged discs.

Finally, we have three requests of the Friends: First, to accommodate new magazine subscriptions and the recent addition of newspapers at RVPL, we would like to purchase a periodical rack to add to the two we have presently. There is plenty of room for this addition, and we will be able to order a piece that matches what we have now. That rack cost \$1,140.00. (price does not include tax) This amount was approved by the Friends by consensus.

Also, we would like to purchase snacks and beverages for the Library Advisory Board meeting, happening at the commons on 5/20. \$100. Should allow us to be good hosts and purchase a few nice items. It was decided to ask Izzy to cater this with a \$100 budget.

Also, with regard to the LAB meeting, we will be making a concerted effort to clean up trash on the Main St. side of the building on May 20th. We may also have time to sweep along Howard Street and/or the patio. Would it be possible for the Friends to support a larger clean-up effort sometime before the LAB meeting? Larry will ask for volunteers to participate in this clean-up, to meet around 9am.

Building issues:

Valley Paving has said they would come to Covelo in April to assess the paving needs around the building and give us a bid. So far, we haven't heard from them.

Rory Barrett is a professional painter and will be approached to pressure wash and refinish the exterior of the building.

Seed Library and Movie Report: Pat:

The Seed Library had three planting parties in April, two at the Farmers Market and one at the Tribes' first Earth Day Celebration We visited and planted with about 95 people. We're looking at hosting one more Farmer's Market planting party in May.

We're continuing to change our KYBU radio spots about weekly.

Our April film: *The American River, All Rivers: The Value of an American Watershed* drew about 24 viewers. The film requires original cataloging, which can take months, but we received permission from the filmmakers and plan on adding it to our collection.

Harper Lee, who in 1960 won the Pulitzer Prize for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, has a book being released in July. *Go Set a Watchman* is set in the same small town 20 years after the events described in *Mockingbird* and will feature Scout and some of the characters from the first book. The new book was actually written decades ago, but the manuscript lost and only recently recovered. The release of *Watchman* has revived interest in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and both the book and the movie have a long waiting list in the library system. As a result, we will show the award-winning film in the Community Room at 7:30 pm on Friday, May 8th. We hope you can join us.

During the heat of the summer, the library would like to show a family friendly matinee two Saturdays a month. Additionally, Josh would like to show two or three Hero-themed kids' films to compliment his Summer Reading program. We'd like to request up to \$275 from the Friends

for the purchase of films to show at these events. We're also looking for chaperons to sit in the air-conditioned splendor of the Community Room during the events to supervise.

\$275 approved for purchase of films. If interested in supervising during the films, please contact Pat at the Library, 983-6736.

Building Committee: Lew:

The vendor space will be rekeyed with a "V" key.

Willits solid waste can furnish a small dumpster with weekly pickup for \$255 or \$145 for two large cans. A recycling can will also be furnished. Permanent trash cans for the park should be purchased.

There are rats and mice in the building. Holes have been patched where there was damage. Lew will also deal with them.

Supper club protocols need tightening. There have been complaints that need to be addressed.

Fundraising: Larry:

We need to plan a benefit dance for Blackberry Festival weekend.

There is a new 50 amp plug by the stage for large draw electrical use, such as for a band.

We have received a \$100 donation online.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm

Next meeting: June 5 at 5pm.

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, FRVPL