

**Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL
Friday, November 6, 2015**

Attending:

Ed TePas
Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Madeleine Shepherd
Michael Shepherd
Colleen Carter
Gus Evans
Isabelle LeMieux
Blair Ladd
Robbie Wyre
Barbara Wyre
Mary Lou Mileck
Sally Brown

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

October minutes were approved.

Coffee shop: Madeleine and Michael:

The coffee shop has been open for 5 months. Madeleine reported that they were not feeling comfortable with the type of communication they were having with the Friends. One issue discussed was the extended kitchen use by the coffee shop, which is necessary for the success of their business, and the drop in revenue from the kitchen because of a coincidental lower number of rentals. It was suggested that paying for propane use in the kitchen could be equitably divided by kitchen users depending on their number of hours of use.

There was a general expression of appreciation by people at the meeting for the high quality of service Madeleine and Michael provide for the Library Commons and the community in general.

Madeleine and Michael will be buying a new refrigerator for coffee shop use to alleviate the projected higher use of the existing kitchen refrigerator by holiday season community room and kitchen users.

Propane: Colleen:

We currently buy our propane from Pro-Flame. Apparently, their rates are higher than the other two local companies that deliver propane in Round Valley. Mary Lou will look into switching to another company.

Mendocino Community Foundation grant: Lew

KYBU will apply for a \$3,000 grant for power emergency backup equipment.

Mural: Carol:

Carol talked to Elizabeth Raybee, a local tile muralist, about creating a mural for the patio. Elizabeth estimated that it would cost approximately \$6,000 for her services. This is beyond our current budget. Two Covelo artists have expressed interest in painting a mural, instead. This will be pursued.

Pokeweed problem: Robbie:

There was concern expressed that there is pokeweed growing by the Commons which could be dangerous to children. It was decided to remove it immediately.

Library report:

By Josh Bennett and Pat Sobrero,

October was a fantastic month to be a kid at the library. We offered week after week of creative

Storytimes at 2:00 each Friday. First, it was monster stories with Pat on the 9th.

Then, on the 16th, Storytime was Bilingual—both “Diego” and “Green Eggs and Ham” (“Huevos Verdes Con Jamon”) were read in both Spanish and English by Xamuel, a new volunteer.

On the following Friday, it was more Dr. Seuss as two of our youngest volunteers, Annie and Patience, performed a puppet show while Josh read aloud from Seuss’s “The Foot Book.” Finally, on the 30th, longtime friend of the library Roberta Hurt read from a few Halloween-themed picture books while entertaining her admirers with a finger puppet and colorful jack-o-lantern cutouts.



In more volunteer news, Marcia Rowden joined the ranks this month as a weekly volunteer. The regular team now includes Marcia and Colleen Carter on Tuesdays, Shirley Kyle on Wednesdays, Jim Devery on Thursdays, Barbara Wyre on Fridays, and Liz Neiswonger and Emily Ellickson-Brown on Saturdays. Curtis Dightman continues to help us throughout the week and Diann Simmons quietly keeps our houseplants alive. This hardworking group of volunteers is invaluable to our library. Thanks to you all.

Library staff joined curious patrons this month for two evenings of Stargazing. The program was scheduled for Friday October 16th, which ended up being partially cloudy, and rescheduled for the following Tuesday. Regardless of clouds, our biggest turnout happened on the first night with 15 participants in attendance, most of whom were kids. We successfully sighted the North Star, the Summer Triangle, the Big Dipper, Cassiopeia, and Pegasus. On the following Tuesday, a small group of 5 sighted all the above constellations along with some spectacular viewing through a telescope. We examined the surface of the moon and a double star in the “handle” of the big dipper. We plan to do more stargazing programs in the future.

The Seed Library had a “Seed Bomb” workshop on October 23rd, and about three dozen kids and adults made seed bombs laced with milkweed seeds, to scatter in places they want milkweed to grow. Milkweed is the only food of the Monarch Butterfly Caterpillar, which over-summers here in Covelo.

Round Valley Public Library is now a place to read, learn AND play (quietly)! Over the past several months we have approached several game publishers to see if they would support new programming at our branch through games donation. Many gaming companies have been extremely generous and our collection has swelled to several dozen games. We will be participating in *International Games Day at Your Library* in November, as well as offering weekly programming and making games available for in-house use. At the same time, the County Library has selected 20 games for all branches to receive. A handful of these games will be cataloged for check-out to see what the demand is and how time-intensive it is to inventory contents as the games come and go. We had the opportunity at our all-staff meeting day to play a few of these games, and had a great time. If you'd like to learn how to play a new game, stop by the Round Valley Public Library on Saturdays at 1:00.



Upcoming:

November 13th, we'll be showing the movie "Just Eat It, A Food Waste Story" at 7:00 P.M. as part of our Sustainability Film Series.

November 21st, we have invited the community to participate in International Games Day at Your Library. Between 1 and 4, we'll be opening our Community Room to tabletop gamers. Patrons can bring games from home to share with friends or play one of ours.

December 11th, we'll be showing "All the Time in the World," a film about a family of four who moved to a remote location in the Yukon to live for 9 months without electricity, internet, clocks, or any of the conveniences of modern life. It has won dozens of awards and is one you won't want to miss.

A question for the friends: Would it be possible to have more FRVPL rain gauges made? These are popular items and we're out!

Lew offered a telescope to the library.

Radio report: Lew:

The fourth year anniversary is coming up. There will be a party December 6.

There is a new understudy at the station who is 13 years old and is going to do a live show.

There will be a public affairs show about the proposal to divide California into several states. Our area would be called "Jefferson."

Landscaping: Isabelle:

There will be a meeting November 18 at 5 to finalized the plan and develop a timeline. The community is invited to give input.

Farmers Market: Blaire:

The group is in the process of opening a bank account and getting insurance as a subsidiary of FRVPL.

Building committee: Isabelle:

Terminex has two plans for rat elimination. Exclusion would seal up any entry points rats could use to get into the building and trim the trees the rats use for access and would include a year guarantee. The cost is \$3,500. We could also contract them to come monthly and set and dispose of traps. It was decided to go with the exclusion plan and see how that goes. The building also needs to be secured against the rats going under the interior doors to other areas.

Smoking outside the building has been increasing. More “no smoking within 20 feet of the door or opening windows” will be bought and put up.

Lee cleans outside two times a week.

Campers were successfully evicted from the walnut grove park. Hours of permitted use need to be posted. They could be the same as the WiFi hours, which turns off at 10pm.

The trash area now has a combination lock on the gate.

Night Sun has taken responsibility for locking up after the dance he is sponsoring on November 19. There will be professional cleaners hired to clean up afterwards.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 4 at 5pm.

Submitted by Carol Borden, Secretary FRVPL