

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, December 4, 2015

Attending:

Ed TePas
Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Colleen Carter
Gus Evans
Isabelle LeMieux
Larry Fugman
NightSun Snavelly
Cheryl Barr
Joe Gauder
Genevieve Middleton
Clarence Britton

Meeting was called to order at 5ish pm.

November minutes were approved.

Stop smoking support group: Clarence:

Clarence has organized a group of people to support each other in their efforts to quit smoking. He currently has a group meeting at Yuki Trails 6-7pm Thursdays and would like to have another group meet at the Commons on Mondays 2-3pm. He asked for a rental fee waiver. It was approved.

Seed library, etc: Pat:

Sweeps were installed at the bottoms of the interior doors to stop rats from going into other rooms, but the door to the storeroom where the seeds are stored needs improvement as it doesn't go all the way to the floor. A rat was caught there a week ago.

Pat would like to use Canva graphic design software. An account supports 10 users, so other people involved with putting out flyers and internet graphic for the Friends or the library can also use it.

The first games day went well. Pat would like to continue with the first Saturday of the month, 1-4pm, with adults and accompanied kids.

Fundraising: NightSun and Larry:

The Don Carlos dance cleared \$1,640. There were about 230 people attending, about 30 of which were under age and admitted for free. There was an improvement in controlling alcohol consumption on the street. The dances NightSun has put on have netted around \$3,000 in cash for the Friends, plus he has used the proceeds to upgrade the sound in the community room which have cost \$5,450 so far. He would like to buy a mixing board which could cost about \$1,000. He will get back to Larry with the details. There was a general approval to go ahead with that.

This brought up the idea that we should charge renters to use this upgraded sound equipment. The original speakers and A/V equipment come with the rental of the room.

It was proposed that we buy dishwasher safe, reusable, BPA free beer cups and wine cups. These could have a single color Friends logo on them and be sold with the beverage with a refundable deposit. We could buy 2-300 16oz. beer cups and 100 8oz. wine cups for around \$400. The idea was generally approved pending further information.

The newsletter has brought in around \$4,000 in donations so far. With the three fundraising events this year, we have brought in \$8,300, which is on target with our budget. Larry reckons that our total fundraising since “the beginning” is \$1,172,000.

Radio: Lew:

The station has been broadcasting for four years. Sunday at 6pm there will be a members/volunteer appreciation party. It will be free and have finger food catered by Denny. There will be a silent auction and awards given out. The music will be provided by KYBU DJs who will each have a half hour to play their choice of music. It should be over by 10:30.

The main transmitter broke, but the backup transmitter was in place and the station was back on the air within three minutes.

The station is applying for a \$3,000 Community Foundation grant for a backup emergency power source

Tom Reed, an advocate for splitting Northern California off to become the state of Jefferson, was interviewed for a live broadcast via Skype. This is also archived.

Building and grounds: Lew:

The display case on the Howard and Main Streets corner is almost complete. It will have an aluminum frame and a locking acrylic door. It is deep enough to put in a shelf to display items. It is for the use of the library.

A water pipe froze and broke in the kitchen ceiling during the cold snap. The ceiling is being dried out with a fan, which will hopefully be effective and the whole ceiling will not have to be torn out and replaced.

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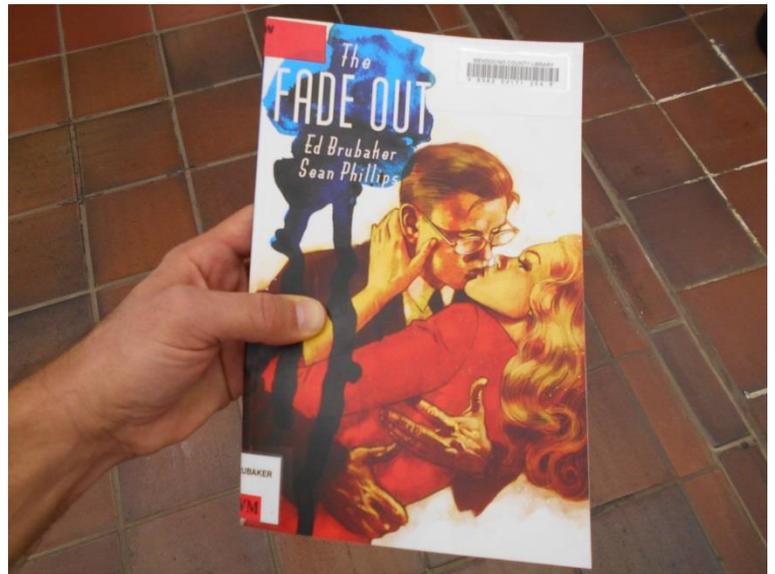
By Josh Bennett

November was a very busy month at the Library—despite being open less days due to holidays, our door count and circulation numbers for this month have approached summer levels and are consistent with past years. The media room, in particular, has been well utilized by Mendocino College students and small tutoring groups.

On November 21 we had a full house for international game day. Over 30 people joined library staff for board games, dice games, and roll playing. By December 1st, newly acquired games were displayed in the library and available for in-house play. Thanks to Pat for soliciting game donations and organizing a terrific event!

RVPL was represented in in Pasadena, Ca this month at the California Library Association’s annual conference. I (Josh) joined other Mendocino County library staff for the 3 day event where I attended many informative sessions and gathered information on teen programming, volunteer coordination, literacy efforts, citizenship programs and more.

Our collection of graphic novels got a big boost in November thanks to a purchase made with funds from the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library. Popular new series include *Walking dead*, *Saga*, *Zero*, *East of West*, *Sandman*, and the film noir-inspired *Fade Out* series (pictured).



Movies are happening again at RVPL. Our popular Sustainability Film series opened with a film about food waste called *Just Eat It*. Later in November, The library screened a music documentary *Salad Days*. This was the first in a series of music documentaries that will screen monthly at our branch. Future selections will include documentaries on the music of Mardi

Gras, Zydeco, Afro-Cuban drumming, Motown, and the artists Bob Marley, Pete Seeger, the Talking Heads, and others. Sustainability film series happens on the first Friday of each month. Music documentaries happen on the 4th Friday of each month (but not in December...)

Two specific questions for FRVPL:

One: In October, I presented the Friends with a proposal for a Volunteer development program at our library. I've continued to work on some of the logistics; for those interested, I have an updated proposal and timeline. The cost of running this program will be \$3,000. and I'd like to pay for it out of the 2015 and 2016 Friends library budgets.

Is it OK to take the balance of the 2015 budget and roll it over to 2016? 1,500 from each will suffice to pay for this program. [This was approved. The Friends will make a 2016 budget by February]

Two: The County Librarian, Wally Clark resigned this month. There is a conversation happening via e-mail about the County Library's need for interim leadership. Branch managers and Marc Komer (LAB) have expressed their concerns. Many have requested that branch managers ask local Friends groups to write a letter in support of the county hiring an interim director. Would the FRVPL be willing to write such a letter? [Ed will do that]

Upcoming:

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.

Starting in January, on the first Saturday of each month between 1:00 to 4:00 pm, community members are invited to join Library staff for tabletop gaming at the library. On any given Saturday we offer instruction in game play from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

The Round Valley Public Library will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 26th as well as New Year's Day 01/01/2016.

Building: Isabelle:

There was no committee meeting last month. Some details with the coffee shop, etc, still need to be worked out. Their winter schedule has not been ascertained.

We will switch our propane account from ProFlame to Redwood Coast Fuels, which has much better prices. Gus will look into making a deal with them.

We need an unstealable cigarette disposal setup.

Landscaping: Genevieve:

Plans have been updated but there still needs to be another meeting, January 9 at noon. A perimeter fence has been added. Will, a metalsmith from Hulls Valley, has offered to build bench frames, tree barriers, etc, for the cost of materials. Garrett Neudeck has offered to donate some woodworking skills, also.

We had previously discussed a groundskeeper as a hired position. This needs clarification. Currently, we hire Lee Marder to clean the patio and arcade around the building, but not the park. We could have a once a month work party do clean up other outdoor areas on the first Sunday of the month from 10am-noon. This will start this Sunday. Larry will send out a notice on Mail Chimp.

Coffee shop report via email:

Dec. 8

Hello Friends!

Sorry we were not able to attend the last meeting. Closing duties were a plenty. Some updates since the last meeting:

- Our brand spanking new refrigerator is here and is already hard at work.
- Lots of trash, community room, and kitchen action is happening. Tis the season and it seems that everything is running smoothly and clean up of common area, restroom,& kitchen is two thumbs up. (We just need to make sure the utility door is kept closed.)
- Tisha Gonzales from Wylatti Construction inquired about the commons space. (already met with Izzy)
- New thermostat in the common area (thanks Lew) that is keeping things toasty, particularly the mens & womens restroom. (not sure how or why)
- Closure dates for the cafe Dec. 14-Jan. 10. We are making alternate plans for restroom clean-up, dump runs, and patio sweep. Signage will be up this week.
- Children's choir performed at the cafe area last Friday and drew a crowd!

Thank you so much for reading! We are looking forward to our much needed time off and hope that you have a great holiday season. Stay safe & warm.

Best,

Michael & Madeleine Shepherd

Meeting adjourned 6:40pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8 at 5pm.

Submitted by Carol Borden, Secretary FRVPL