

**Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL
Friday, February 5, 2016**

Attending:

Ed TePas
Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden
Gus Evans
Josh Bennett
Michael Shepherd
Madeline Shepherd
John Marshall
Mary Lou Mileck

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

January minutes were approved.

Coffee Shop Report: Michael/Madeline

The shop is back open and people are getting used to coming back in for food and drinks again. Madeline expressed concern over the possibility of being charged retroactively for propane use in the kitchen. There has been new evidence of rodent damage in the building. Izzy will call Terminix to have them do a follow up visit.

Utilities cost sharing for kitchen propane: Lew

There will be no retroactive payment required by the paperback cafe for the propane use in the kitchen. A new deal is required however, to help offset the cost of propane in the kitchen. Lew put together a formula to help determine how much propane is used by the Paperback Café.

PROPANE USE, COMMUNITY KITCHEN: JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2015 (no heat in these months, just kitchen hot water and stove)

Total propane cost	\$1,432	(\$477/month)
Total hours kitchen use	761	
Propane cost/hour	\$1.88	
Kitchen rentals	257 hours	(85 hours +/- month)
Paperback Café hours	504 hours	(168 hours +/- month)

Kitchen rentals hourly rate includes utilities.

Paperback Café allows for _____ hours kitchen use as part of the lease agreement, but utilities are not included in the rent. Lew proposes that Paperback

Café pay for 4 hours a day (of the 6 hours a day of kitchen use) of propane utility costs, \$7.52 /day, 26 days/month=\$195+/-

(Assuming first 2 hours of kitchen use is for prep/cooking/cleanup as per previous coffee shop rental and included in the monthly rent. Kitchen use beyond 2 hours per day requires additional compensation for additional utility costs. Otherwise the kitchen use by Paperback Café, at 26 days month/6 hours day, costs just in propane \$293.28, and the rental agreement is, I think, \$300/month. Requiring a fair share of the utility costs to operate the kitchen is reasonable.) Lew asked that a new deal be agreed upon by next months Friends Meeting.

Blackberry Festival report: Mary Lou The
Blackberry Festival had another successful year. Some infrastructure improvements were required at the festival grounds so the profits were not as high as in previous years. See attached document for full financial breakdown.

Budget: Lew

The building committee met and discussed a preliminary budget. We would like to have a budget meeting to finalize this.

Proposed spending:

Library budget: 12,000, Josh was pleased with this amount and also requested some capital improvement money to furnish the office space to be vacated by the Friends: \$800

Community Room: 1,000-

New tables 6 @ 100 each = \$600

New chairs 12 @ 22 each = \$264

Professional rug cleaning = \$100

Kitchen: 2,000- Small wares and appliance replacement fund.

Landscaping: 2,500 we didn't spend last years so lets roll it over and allocate 5,000

The new office: how much was marked for this project and how much have we spent? Do we need to allocate more?

Pat requested money for the seed library as none was allocated last year: Seed library \$750

Seed library, Sustainability Film: Pat

Our Seed Library had a wonderfully productive work party on the 23rd, with 15 people showing up to get the seed catalog ready for this season's gardeners. They packed up local donations, removed out-of-date seed, and added many new donations to the catalog. Just in time, too, as folks are already coming in to check out seed! We have some upcoming PSA's scheduled for local gardeners, so stay tuned to KYBU for gardening tips and updates on upcoming Seed Library events!

January's Sustainability Film, *Inhabit, A Permaculture Perspective* was well-attended. February's film, *Symphony of the Soil*, will show at 7 pm on Friday, February 12th. It is a beautiful film that explores *soil* as the protagonist in our planetary story. If you haven't seen it, mark your calendar!

Radio: Lew

KYBU is continuing to train new people in radio production. Angela Vincent has recently joined the team. As a teacher at the High School her goal is to be able to introduce radio journalism to interested students as an extracurricular elective. Volunteers will be helping out with the 6th Anniversary Party at the Community Room. Another Ollie Nummelin production with multiple local musicians performing. This years theme is Mostly Mo Town.

Landscaping: Izzy

The landscaping committee is at a standstill. We hope to have something to report next month.

Librarian's report: Josh

Poetry Reading. We had another great turnout for poetry on January 15th. Once again, community members brought a variety of prose to share, including some excellent original poems. In addition, participants read from a variety of books, including ones by Emily Dickenson, Gary Snyder, Lau-Tzu, and Langston Hughes.

If you have not yet joined this poetically inclined group for a reading, please consider it. It is an informal gathering; many folks choose not to read, only to listen. And for inspiration, browse our poetry section at the library. New books have been added this year, including new collections by poets Lawrence Raab, Mary Jo Bang and Felipe Herrera. Expect the next reading in April or May.

Films: January was a great month for movies at our branch. Between *Inhabit, a Permaculture Perspective (Sustainability Film Series)*; *Star Wars: A New Hope*; and *Always for Pleasure Short Films by Les Blank (Music Documentary series)* many movie-goers were able to find a reason to visit the library. We enjoy showing these films and will continue to offer new ones as long as people are interested.

Seed Library work party We held a Seed Library work party on Saturday, January 23rd. About 15 people showed up to purge the oldest seed packets, to repackage "bulk" local seed into envelopes, and to move seed stored in our fridge along with newly donated commercial seed packets into the catalog. We were able to get a tremendous amount of work completed. The catalog is now up-to-date and filled with seeds for this season's gardeners, and we've already seen the first check-outs of the new year. You can look forward to hearing new Seed Library PSAs on KYBU Radio beginning this month.

Upcoming:

The **Breakfast Club**, a new program for Round Valley youth, starts in February at the Round Valley Public Library. Breakfast Club is a great opportunity for students who are interested in how the Library works and those who want to contribute. Participants will get a behind-the-scenes tour of the library and hands-on library training. The program runs for 4 Saturdays in a row from February 13th to March 5th.

For more information on the Breakfast Club, stop by the Library on Saturday February 6th at 11:00 am. Library staff will be there to answer any questions you have about the program.

The next **Music Documentary**, *Sing your Song*, a film on the entertainer and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte, will screen at 7 pm on Friday, February 26th.

Building Committee: Izzy

The building committee met this month and discussed the new budget for 2016. We also talked at length about billing the Paperback Cafe for propane use in the kitchen, which has already been covered. Other news is that Lee Marder, our handy man and Janitor is leaving. We are currently looking for someone to replace him and hope to find the person soon.

Miscellaneous: Gus Evens

Gus has volunteered as a Round Valley resident to help coordinate a Town Hall Meeting to present information locally about the Mendocino County Charter Project. The project would like to hold an event at the Community Room for April 23 from five to nine pm (5:00-9:00 pm).

The County contact person is Robin Sunbeam who helped with Measure S. (bodhirobin@pacific.net)

The evening is still in flux, but they want to make a two hour presentation from six to eight.

The plan is to have some music before and after the presentation,

Meeting adjourned 6:15 pm

Next meeting: March 4, 2016

Submitted by Isabelle LeMieux, Member at Large, FRVPL