

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, June 3, 2016**

### **Attending:**

Edmund “Ed da Prez” TePas  
Patricia “Library Lady Pat” Sobrero  
Carol “Madam Secretary” Borden  
Lew “Anything and Everything” Chichester  
Guthrie “Gus” Evans  
Isabelle “Lady Izzy” LeMieux  
Blaire “La Cocinera” Ladd  
Joseph “Joe” Gauder  
John “John” Marshall  
Mary Jane “MJ All the Way” Cummings  
Michael “Paperback Café Dude” Shepherd  
Colleen “Bookkeeper Queen” Carter  
Josh “Mr. Library” Bennett  
Xam “Xam I Am” Lara  
Michael “Graphics Maven” Mills  
Genevieve “Landscape Extraordinaire” Middleton

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.  
May minutes were approved.

### **Coffee shop lease committee: Lew:**

The committee has met four times since the last general meeting and has developed a lease agreement for the Paperback Café that is basically acceptable to both the Friends committee and Madeleine and Michael. It describes the business and the relationship of the business to the Friends better than the last agreement did. The last agreement was based on the previous business, Farmers Market Coffee, which was different than the current one. We plan for the lease to be finalized and signed by Wednesday. Michael S. expressed good feelings about the process.

There was a question about being open all week. Two possibilities were discussed, either have employees open the shop to serve coffee, which would be up to Madeleine and Michael if they wished to have that happen, or have another vendor set up in the lobby to serve coffee while the Café was closed.

The new agreement was summarized. The defined retail space (from the roll down door at the lobby to the door at the kitchen) would be rented at the flat rate of \$200 per month. The kitchen would be rented at \$25 per 8 hour day and \$12.50 for a half day, such as Friday when lunch is prepared by another vendor. The monthly rent, based on their proposed schedule of hours and averaged per month, would be \$615. The janitorial duties would be the same while the café was open. When it is closed for vacations, those responsibilities would fall to the Friends. The Commons will contract for a dumpster for the facility and the café will pay 2/3 and the Friends will pay 1/3. The café will continue to be responsible for trash collection, paying at the same rate, until the dumpster is in place. The term of the lease will be one year with an option to renew for two years, should all terms of the agreement be met.

**Library report:** Josh: and **Seed library:** Pat:

**NASA Artwork:** Christi Chauncey has printed, framed, and hung five beautiful posters in the library. The posters are from a series entitled “Visions of the Future”. Each one envisions a place in our solar system as a possible travel destination. The style of each poster is inspired, in part, by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). These posters add a “retro-future” atmosphere to the library, which we love.

**May the Fourth be with you.** On Wednesday, May 4th we showed the latest film in the Star Wars series: The Force Awakens. We had twenty people attend the screening, which was as popular with adults as it was with kids. The film was covered under one of the two licenses the County has purchased that allow us to show many commercially released films without paying an expensive fee to the distributor.

**The first Saturday of May was Free Comic Book Day.** This year the event fell on the same weekend as Mother’s Day and the rodeo. In spite of that, almost 50 people showed up and we ended up giving away 224 comic books to kids, teens, and adults in our Community. We look forward to participating in this annual event again next year, and in other comics/graphic novel-themed events in the future. We are currently researching the feasibility of distributing comics at Halloween to students and children who trick-or-treat downtown.

It was a busy first Saturday of the month for us, as we had 13 people come to color and a handful who came to play games, afterward.

**The Seed Library had 3 events in May:** two Planting Parties and one Seed and Plants Swap/Giveaway. The Planting Parties attracted 20 participants each, who planted summer crops to go. We'll have one more planting party at 1:30 on Friday, June 10th, at the Farmers Market. The Seed and Plant Swap/Giveaway attracted about 40 people who either had extra starts to share or seeds to share with the community. While there was some swapping going on, most of the plants were given away free to people who were looking for starts to transplant into their gardens. The event was popular; we'll hold another next year.

The second Friday of May, we showed the film, **Seeds Of Time**, about Cary Fowler, a seed saver and the force behind the Svalbard "Doomsday" global seed vault, a seed collection on a scale larger than any other. The seed bank, located in Norway, is an unprecedented insurance policy for the crop diversity of the world. Fourteen people attended the film. The Sustainability Film series will be on hiatus over the summer months and will return in the fall with a new slate of films for the community.

On May 20<sup>th</sup> we screened the short film **The Big Beat, Fats Domino and Birth of Rock and Roll**. The film is now available to borrow.

**Library Advisory Board.** LAB met in the commons room on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. These visitors were very impressed with our library and commons facilities. Thanks to the small team of volunteer groundskeepers who showed up early that day to clean up the outside commons space.

**Biohazard training.** On May 31<sup>st</sup>, County safety officer Bill Woodworth visited our branch to give a biohazard clean-up training- which was not quite as scary as it sounds. We learned that to minimize exposure to potentially infectious fluids we are to use a biohazard kit, which includes face shield, gloves, and apron and other materials that will help clean up bodily fluids when necessary. These kits are kept both in the janitor’s closet and behind the circulation desk. [Available to anyone at the Commons who needs to use one.]

**Breakfast Club.** In May, the Breakfast club focused on storytime and reading to kids. Participants who attended the one hour training learned how to choose a picture book for storytime. We also discussed tips on engaging listeners and group management. Participants who attended the training and who read to children at the library in June or July will receive a stipend.

The Breakfast Club has been funded by the FRVPL. To date, \$650. Has been spent on intern stipends.

### **Upcoming:**

**Summer Reading:** The Summer Reading program starts at our branch on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Josh has been promoting the program in classrooms and there will be information on bulletin boards and on the radio. Readers of all ages are challenged to complete a BINGO card (which Michael Mills designed for us) and a reading log (which is county wide). Participants can win free books and other prizes. For more information, come to the library at 2:00 on a Thursday.

**Adult coloring** will happen on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. RVPL supplies all the materials. Under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Tabletop games** will be offered in the commons room on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00.

**Planting Party:** June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the farmer's market.

**Origami:** Sandy Wake will teach us how to make Summer Solstice Sunbursts on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

### **Bylaws review and revisal:** Carol:

The committee is working on a draft. The next meeting has not been set, but will be.

### **Radio:** Lew

The annual member drive family friendly carnival was a great success. When all the pies were thrown and the hoodies, t-shirts, food, etc. sold, \$5,700 was netted for the station. The 20 minutes or so of pouring rain just added to the excitement, as the many volunteers (42 was the official count, but there was general cooperation) grabbed food, tables, barbeque, etc. and made a dash for the covered patio.

The radio station is doing fine. The volunteer personnel fluctuate, but the number remains steady.

### **Farmers market:** Isabelle:

The new, permanent hours are currently 12 noon to 4pm every Friday. The fee per market is \$5 with a \$50 cap per year. A banner and two sandwich signs for display on Friday have been made. A PSA is being recorded for airing on the radio. There is approximately \$1,300 in the bank account. Bylaws are being written. It has been proposed that for decisions, patrons can give input, but only vendors have votes. A drinking fountain was requested for the park.

### **Landscaping:** Genevieve:

Wylatti resources has donated 1½ days of equipment work. They donated a really boss French drain for water coming off the roof, etc. Thank you, Brian Hurt and your crew! When they were digging, they found an old underground brick wall. Archeology was not practiced, but it was

deemed cool that it is there. There is less of it now, as part of it was sacrificed for the excavation.

Trees have been planted that are fast growing and will be tall and shady. They are being irrigated to get established until they get down to ground water, which is at 6' feet currently.

There is approximately \$1,700 left in the landscaping budget. A fundraiser will be scheduled for the fall to fund further development. For future plans, we would like three lampposts, a bench in front of the library and plantings in the sidewalk holes on the east and north sides of the building, which used to have ivy.

Hiring a groundskeeper/building janitor was discussed. There are now two candidates, Josiah Hanover, who was approved for hire at the May meeting, and a second candidate, who Izzy will also interview. It was proposed that the job might be divided between the two, a janitor for the inside and outside of the building and a groundskeeper to maintain the landscaping in the park. They would be part time 1099 contractors. It was estimated that pay for this combined or two separate jobs would cost the Friends approximately \$1,200 per year. The landscaping committee will work on this and make a decision.

**Building:** Lew:

For security purposes, to make the property easier for law enforcement to effectively patrol the area, Sheriff Allman recommends that we post open hours on the patio and in the park and the patio lights be turned off during closed hours, except for a motion activated light. Then, if there is a light on, law enforcement will see a trespasser and can ask the person to leave. Izzy, who may be using the building after dark, requested that the lights not be turned off, as the motion sensor light would turn off while a person is there but not moving, leading to a creepy situation of people possibly lurking in the dark.

**Fundraising:** Carol for Larry:

- Night Sun purchased 500 logo-imprinted reusable cups to use at fundraising events at cost of \$237.
- Pizza party has been scheduled for Sunday, July 31. Pizza will be sold by the slice to eat in or take out. Madeleine has taken the lead in organizing the cooking of the pizza. Beer will be available at the bar. Other possibilities include family movie, bands on the patio. Details to be worked out in June.
- Reggae event has been confirmed for Saturday, August 20, during Blackberry Festival.
- Jeremy Smith is organizing Race/Walk to benefit Friends during Blackberry Festival weekend. I [Larry] have not been able to connect with Jeremy about details of the event.
- Joe was able to schedule dance/concert featuring Dgiin for Saturday, October 1.
- Fundraising totals to date for 2016 including donations and net from events = \$4545.
- Larry will organize fundraising committee meeting for mid-June via email.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm

**Next meeting: July 1, 2016**

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary