

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, July 1, 2016**

### **Attending:**

Ed TePas  
Karen Horner  
Liz Popowski  
Larry Fugman  
Patricia Sobrero  
Carol Borden  
Lew Chichester  
Guthrie Evans  
Blair Ladd  
John Marshall  
Colleen Carter  
Josh Bennett  
Xam Lara

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.  
June minutes were approved.

### **County Librarian Report:** Karen Horner

Karen introduced herself as the new county librarian. Liz Popowski is the administration manager. They are meeting all the library friends groups. Karen stated her goal is to make the libraries successful. She is planning to stay in her position until she retires.

Liz reported that the county has doubled the materials budget for our library to \$40,000 for the year. Since there will be less need for the Friends to buy books for the library, it was noted that we could be helpful in other areas, such as supporting programs, events and outreach. Measure A sales tax money sunsets in 2028.

IT needs a key to the library and one for the janitor's closet. Josh will provide those.

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

The lease was signed, dated July 1, 2016. It calls for tighter accounting for hours of kitchen use. The rent was raised 50% to reflect the actual kitchen use. They will be open less days. The agreement can be renegotiated at any time when it no longer reflects the actual use of the Café. We will have a dumpster out on the street and the cost will be shared between the Café and the Friends.

### **Sustainability Films:** Pat

As you know, the Sustainability Film Series goes on hiatus over the summer months and will return in the fall. In past years attendance greatly dropped off in the summer as it is still quite light even at 7 and 8 pm, and folks tend to be working and playing outside. It does give us the opportunity to research and preview newer documentaries so we can pick the best new films to offer the community.

### **Seed Library:** Pat

We've had a busy season with the Seed Library. Most of the year's planting is done, and we had our final planting party in June. We had 20 enthusiastic participants. We are looking ahead to September and our annual Tomato Tasting, which was very popular last year. About that time, we're looking to offer a class in seed saving, focusing on beans, peas, lettuce and tomatoes. The Heirloom Seed Expo is also in September. Upcoming: Later in the year/early next year, we plan on offering a class in planning your garden with seed saving in mind.

Last year we had about a dozen patrons donate seed to our seed catalog. We'd like to improve that number so we can rely less on donations from commercial seed companies and more on community members. We want to specially recruit a handful of gardeners who are willing to commit to using best practices to save seed from one or two specific crops, heirlooms that do well in our region or have some historical significance to the valley. If *you* are interested in "Adopting a Crop," please let one of us know!

**Library Report:** Josh:

BOCD: Around the beginning of June, patrons starting noticing full shelves in the Books on CD section. New titles have been added from the county collection on a rotating basis. Other new titles were purchased for our branch with Friends funds. New titles include books by Isabel Allende, Carl Hiasson, Alice Munro, and Bill Mckibben.

New books in June: In May, funds raised by the FRVPL were used to place a big book order, which arrived this week. New books include titles by Annie Proulx, Richard Russo, Steven King and Cheryl Strayed. Other note-worthy titles that arrived this month: California Through Native Eyes by William Bauer Jr., Louise Erdrich's new novel LaRose, and new books on rockhounding, astronomy, Beat Literature, and regional hiking and camping guides.

Summer Reading: The county-wide Summer Reading program is underway at our branch. Our Summer Reading BINGO cards have been very popular, especially with preschool-aged readers and their parents. We have had a total of 21 completed BINGO cards turned into the circulation desk since mid-June. On Thursday afternoons starting at 2:00, we will continue promoting the Summer Reading program by offering games, crafts, and read-alouds as well as programs that are on the calendar for later in July and August such as wool felting and ice-cream making.

Breakfast Club. Our most recent "Breakfast Club" trainings have focused on Storytime and reading to kids. Teens who attended the trainings learned how to choose a picture book for storytime. We also discussed tips on engaging listeners and group management. Since that training, 6 participants have read to kids during our Friday storytime. A few have signed up for dates in the future to read as volunteers.

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Origami: Last Saturday, Sandy Wake taught a group of kids and adults how to make Summer Solstice Sunbursts. The Library staff member in attendance was unable to keep up with the many steps, all of which demanded accuracy and patience. Thankfully, there were a few extras at the end of the program.

Upcoming:

Adult coloring will happen on July 2nd 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 2th th from 1:00 to 4:00.

Wool Felting Educators from the Hopland Research and Extension Center will be at the RVPL on June 21 st at 2:00 to teach folks how to felt wool. They will also read sheep related stories.

Program aimed at 6-12 year old.

It's been two full months since the last Poetry Reading . The next one is scheduled for Friday July 22 nd .

**Radio:** Lew:

The radio station has as a goal to help the Friends. They do this by paying rent for their building and helping at events. Participation in the station draws some different people than those who are drawn to participating in the Friends of the Library in general.

The station is working on an electrical system that can be independent of PG&E. In the case of an outage, the radio can still be broadcast. This is projected to cost about \$3,000. There are solar panels on the library part of the Commons. They basically are enough to run the air conditioning.

On Saturday, July 9 at 8pm there will be a live broadcast of the band House of Mary. It is hoped that there will be a live broadcast music program once a month. The band will be recorded and they will then have a CD.

**Landscaping:**

Wylatti Resources donated the work to put in a new driveway and French drain for which they also donated the gravel and drilled holes for fencing.

The irrigation automatically goes on at 3am. The park is looking green.

Josiah Hanover has been hired to clean in and around the building. Pam Nevitt has been hired to maintain the landscaping. Both have been working out well.

There are plans to buy some park furnishings, such as trash cans, lighting, etc.

**Fundraising:** Larry:

We have raised \$4,700 this year.

The Reggae show scheduled for Blackberry weekend has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with the band. They may do one in November. KYBU will organize live music in the patio instead.

Dgiin will play in October, organized by Joe.

Dean and Jeremy are raising money from sponsors for the Blackberry Festival footrace.

The pizza party has been deferred to later.

There are a number of t-shirts with the welcome sign graphic printed on them that are left over from the Chamber of Commerce which are now the property of the Friends. Also 45s of the Covelo anthem, or maybe it's the Blackberry anthem, but there are a lot of them. It used to be on the roundvalley.org website, but I can't find it.

Meeting adjourned 5:56pm (Yay! We got out of there before 6!)

**Next meeting: August 5, 2016**

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary