

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, August 5, 2016

Attending:

Ed TePas
Larry Fugman
Patricia Sobrero
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Guthrie Evans
Blair Ladd
Josh Bennett
Mary Lou Mileck
Isabelle LeMieux
Joe Gauder

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.
July minutes were approved.

Radio: Lew:

KYBU will be at the Blackberry Festival, as usual, with a booth and broadcasting the proceedings. They will host a DJ'ed party Saturday night on the Commons patio. Blair will be in charge of that.

There will be a nationwide test of the emergency alert system.

Mural presentation: Carol

Jenn Procacci is designing a mural for the west wall of the Commons, which has already been approved and provided for in the budget. A design, timeline and budget was presented. This was received by the meeting with enthusiasm. Work will start this weekend.

Library Report: Josh:

New books in July: Our branch recently received new books by David Eggers, Justin Cronin, Stephanie Danler, Richard Russo, Timothy Egan, Mary Roach and Iris Johansen. New kid's books include new books on Ninjago Lego characters, Star Wars, raising chickens, Minecraft, and math.

Summer Reading BINGO cards continue to be turned into the circulation desk this month. To get bingo, young readers "tell a joke," "read a comic," "read with a friend," and "ask a librarian a question." A popular box to check off is the one that reads: "tell a librarian what to read." We've received a few good recommendations, including Pete the Cat and the Bedtime Blues.

Kids programming this summer has been on Thursdays and has included soccer practice with the Covelo Skunks, sheep shearing demonstration by Daniel Auclair (Avalon farms), Wool Felting with educators from HREC

and Ice cream making and kid's poetry reading with Izzy (The Goodlife Catering), and, most recently, the Wild Things animals show.

Poetry Reading happened on July 22nd. A small but dedicated group read and recited an eclectic mix of prose. The next reading will happen in October.

Commons room: With the help of FRVPL volunteers we were able to provide relief from the heat last week by opening the common's room for a few hours in the afternoon. A dozen people took advantage of the cool, quiet space over two days. Ice water was available in the café.

RVPL was represented at the Yuki Trails Youth Activity Day on 7/20. Our table had info on our upcoming programs and a display of children's books. In the afternoon we read aloud from a few new children's books to a large group of kids and parents.

The original public computers at the RVPL were purchased by the FRVPL. These were recently replaced by county computers. The hard drives of the original six were cleaned and returned to our branch. They are now in the friend's office. A volunteer has offered to reinstall the hard drives and download a new operating system. (The units include keyboards but not screens). Do the friends want this?

[It was decided to make the computers functional and then figure out what to do with them. If someone locally could use them, we could donate them. If not, we could try to sell them outside the area]

To add to building committee meeting agenda: The café door often does not shut and lock. Could we get this fixed for Saturdays when café is closed?

[A locksmith has already been scheduled to fix the lock and make needed keys.]

Upcoming:

Adult coloring will happen tomorrow, August 6th at 11:00 am. RVPL supplies all the materials. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tabletop games will be offered in the commons room tomorrow June 6th from 1:00 to 4:00. We will be promoting some new cooperative games this month for young children, including "BUZZ," "Dinosaur Escape" and "Race to the Treasure".

RVPL will be observing California Native American Day aka Indian Days with special displays and programming during the week of September 19th. The actual holiday is Friday the 23rd, and is a California holiday. Are you interested in volunteering your time to plan help with programming this week? Please let us know.

We will be launching a new literacy program this fall! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten will be an ongoing challenge to local families: read 1000 books to your child before they go to kindergarten. There will be cool prizes.”

There was a request for the county to coordinate keeping the Community Room open more during library hours. The communicating door between the library and the Community Room could be left open if the library staff and volunteers could monitor Community Room activity.

Fundraising: Larry:

We have received 500 12oz reusable plastic beer cups with the Friends logo imprinted on them at a cost of 50¢ per cup. We will sell beer in them at events, probably charging \$1 for the cup.

The Friends will have a booth at the Blackberry Festival, organized by Gus. Membership will be encouraged, and merchandise, such as Families books and mugs will be sold and given as membership gifts. Library and Friends activities will be promoted. Jeremy Smith and Dean Meyers are organizing the traditional Library benefit footrace. It will be on Saturday, August 20th at 8am.

Landscaping and building committee:

The previously hired groundskeeper has left. Josiah Hanover, who has been doing a good job cleaning the Commons may take that on.

There will be a work party Sunday, August 14 at 9am to move soil and logs from a neighboring property. Genevieve is looking for volunteers. Please bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow. RSVP middletongenevieve@gmail.com. There needs to be more fundraising to raise \$5-6,000 to complete the landscape project. This would buy permanent trash cans, a drinking fountain, lighting, gazebo and signage.

Izzy is stepping down as building/kitchen manager. She is transitioning those jobs to Jenn Procacci, who will manage the Commons rentals and personnel hiring and Blaire Ladd who will manage the kitchen.

No camping signs are being posted in the park. Also, signs posting park hours are in the works.

There is now a hard wired Ethernet port in the Community room.

A dumpster to be shared by Commons and coffee shop for trash is being looked into by Blaire.

Meeting adjourned 6:16pm

Next meeting: September 2, 2016

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary