

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, September 2, 2016

Attending:

Ed TePas
Patricia Sobrero
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Blaire Ladd
Josh Bennett
Joe Gauder
Gary Cox
Shauna Cox
Genevieve Middleton
Xam Lara
Michael Shepherd
Jenn Prococci

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

Coffee Shop: Michael

UV fly traps have been ordered to comply with health department regulations. The Paperback Café's food service at the Blackberry Festival was a success.

Michael would like to put a revolving spindle display for paperback books in the lobby. Proceeds from the book sales would go to the Friends.

The Café has new hours. They will be open 7 days a week, serving breakfast Monday through Friday, lunch Monday through Thursday (Blaire serves lunch on Friday) and coffee service out the window on Saturday and Sunday, 8-11am. They have also expanded their menu, offering several dishes instead of just one for lunch. Their weekday hours will be 7:30am to 3pm, closing at 4 on Friday to coincide with Farmers Market hours.

Radio: Lew:

KYBU broadcast live at the Blackberry Festival. Their presence was good public relations. Next year they will plan to have the time between bands better filled in. C.\$1700 was taken in at the festival. It takes c.\$2,000 a month to run the station.

Library Report: Josh:

New books in August: New books this month include two novels set in California: Emma Cline's *The Girls* and Lindsay Hatton's *Monterey Bay*. Also new this month, the much acclaimed *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, which is currently #1 on the bestseller list.

Other best sellers available to borrow at our library: *Truly Madly Guilty* by Liane Moriarty, *Curious Minds* by Janet Evanovich, *Insidious* by Catherine Coulter and *White Trash* by Nancy Isenberg.

Thank You Friends: Whether it's Gus and Larry tabling at the BBF, Blaire scrubbing our front sidewalk, Carol promptly writing checks, Lew replacing a

broken window, we have been reminded frequently over the last month how much we rely on the Friends. Thank you!

Thank You Friends Pt.2: Things have really been looking good around here! Looking out across the walnut orchard, the success of the recent landscaping effort becomes apparent. From Howard St, one is impressed with how much care has been taken with upkeep and improvements. Thanks goes to Genevieve and all those who took part in the landscaping project. Thanks also to Jenn who is nearing completion of a wonderful new mural on the patio. (See **FRVPL Appreciation** below)

Computers: Volunteer Tosha has put in approximately 8 hours of work so far on the Friends computers. He expects to be done by the end of next week.

School groups have begun to visit this library again now that summer break is over. So far, the 1st and 2nd grade combo from the charter school has been in and plans to come once a week on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. So far, seven of these students have turned in library card applications. We will also pass out library card applications to the 1st graders from RV elementary when they visit this coming Wednesday at 10:00 am.

September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**. Replace your old or lost card for free.

Upcoming:

Adult coloring: will happen tomorrow, August 6th 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 tomorrow June 6th from 1:00 to 4:00.

We'll be attending the **Heirloom Expo** in Santa Rosa next week, and specifically will be attending the Seed Librarian Summit Wednesday afternoon to catch up on the latest best practices and clarify the legal issues that were raised with the passage of AB2470. AB1810 appears to have passed unanimously, and excludes non-commercial seed exchanges, like seed libraries and seed swaps, from the California Seed Law. The Heirloom Expo is always a great place to meet up, network, and take classes from other seedy folks.

On Friday, September 16th we'll be at the Farmers Market for the second annual **Tomato Tasting**. Come between Noon and 2 P.M. Come and taste tomatoes grown here in Round Valley and vote for your favorite! We'll post the results on Facebook by the end of the day. If you GROW tomatoes, please consider entering them in the tasting. Drop off two or three standard sized tomatoes (or a large handful of cherries) for every variety you want to enter in the contest, to the library when we open at 10.

RVPL will be observing **California Native American Day** aka **Indian Days** with special displays of new books starting on 9/13. We will also be tabling at the Round Valley Indian Health Center's Health Fair on Friday September 23rd.

Volunteer outreach: We will be reaching out to new volunteers in September, with a "meet and greet" and orientation scheduled for Friday October 7th, which is also the date of the next FRVPL meeting. The idea of scheduling these together is this: if folks come to us wanting to volunteer, but have a skill set more suited to work with the friends, we'd like to be able to direct them to you in a quick and professional way. Volunteer outreach starts at 4:00 PM inside the library. Is it ok for us to promote this (see flyer) and invite interested parties to the FRVPL meeting? [Meeting attendees agreed]

FRVPL Appreciation: In honor of the hard work done by Friends members and employees, we would like to bring Pizza and salads to the next FRVPL meeting to enjoy when we are done. Does that work for everyone? [Meeting attendees agreed]

The **Sustainability Film Series** is back! We'll be returning to the second Friday of the month this October with *The Breach*, a film about our relationship with Salmon. We're coordinating with Round Valley's Salmon Fest, which will be going on at the same time. The film is scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Pat Higgins may also show some footage of salmon in Northern California just before the film.

Alcohol licensing: Lew:

The sheriff's department observed our alcohol procedures at the Blackberry Festival DJ party on the patio. They gave us guidelines for tightening these up to comply with the law and their policies. Our measures for doing that will be submitted with the permit for the next event and implemented in the future.

Landscaping: Genevieve:

Chase started doing the park maintenance on August 6 as an emergency fill-in when Pam Nevitt, the last hiree, suddenly left the position. We will advertise for the job and a committee consisting of Genevieve, Jenn and Carol will interview applicants. Our tools and hoses have been consistently stolen, so ideally the new gardener will provide their own tools.

The next phase of park construction will include the gazebo, which will be constructed over the unused well, also providing access to the well. Bob Dill has volunteered to build it. The roof will be open lattice, so as not to invite campers in the winter. Other plans include seating; a dog poop pickup station; a smoking area, probably behind the KYBU building; and signage. There are also a drinking fountain and lighting in the plan. More money will have to be raised to go forward with the plans. There are several sculptures proposed, but no decision has been made on those.

The butterfly garden is established along the south edge of the park. It needs 10 milkweed plants to officially qualify as an official monarch way station. Then we will get a nice sign and a poster of explanation.

Building: Lew:

Combinations on the key lock boxes will be changed monthly.

We now have access to the security camera footage. Lightbulbs are still being stolen. Signage will be put up alerting to the presence of cameras. Hopefully, this will help the theft situation.

A weekly pickup of trash is being arranged with Solid Waste of Willits. The Commons will have a 90 gallon garbage cart kept in the garbage enclosure that will be wheeled out to the street Tuesday night for a Wednesday pickup. We will also be supplied with a recycling cart which will be picked up every other Wednesday. The garbage enclosure will be better secured to deter crows and people throwing trash over the fence. Two permanent cans for garbage and two for recycling are being constructed by Sam. They will have removable receptacles. One will be set in the patio by the garbage enclosure and one will be set out in the park behind KYBU. The coffee shop will be responsible for only their own garbage, either getting pickup service or taking it to the dump. Renters will still be responsible for removing their trash.

Fundraising: Carol for Larry:

Thanks to Gus for organizing the BBF booth for the Friends this year. Sales of FRVPL merchandise totaled \$326

Thanks to Jeremy Smith for organizing the Race/Walk at BBF. Sponsorships, registrations, and sales of T-shirts totaled over \$2600!

Dance/concert featuring Dgiin will be Saturday, October 15.

Fundraising totals to date for 2016 including donations and net from events = \$7420.

Night Sun will be organizing a reggae concert to benefit the Friends – tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 28.

I still have to make a final contact, but Fox's Blues band is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Dec.10.

There was a request for a fee waiver for Community Room use September 15 for an informational meeting for forming a farmer's cooperative. Request was granted by consensus.

Meeting adjourned 6:14pm

Next meeting: October 7, 2016

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary