

Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, October 7, 2016

Attending:

Patricia Sobrero
Carol Borden
Lew Chichester
Blaire Ladd
Josh Bennett
Joe Gauder
Genevieve Middleton
Xam Lara
Jenn Prococci
Larry Fugman
Colleen Carter
Mary Jane Cummings
Gus
Bobby McCombs

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.
September minutes were approved.

Kitchen report: Blaire:

There were no kitchen rentals in September except Blaire's regular Friday lunch service. A Vitamix blender and a food processor have been purchased for the kitchen. There were comments about the unpredictable closures of the Paperback Café with no notification to the patrons. No action was requested.

Building report: Jenn:

Willits Solid Waste was finally contacted and a 98 gallon garbage cart will be delivered next Wednesday. Pickup will be every Wednesday. A recycling can is back ordered. This will be separate from the café garbage. The cans will be put out Tuesday evening by the radio people after their meeting.

The Community Room was rented for a private party on Monday, but they did not clean up. The café cleaned the lobby (their shared space) and were given the \$100 deposit. This deposit amount was deemed inadequate for cleaning if the renters defaulted, and should be raised.

Landscaping: Genevieve:

Four new steel trash receptacles have been installed, one for trash and one for recycling on the patio by the garbage enclosure and one of each in the park behind the KYBU building. Each one encloses a standard garbage can that can be removed to be emptied. Their average cost was \$631 each. These were fabricated by Sam Lowther, who also made the 6 tree enclosures between the patio and the KYBU building.

The landscape maintenance groundskeeper position will be filled by Haris Mesic, at two hours per week, who will do the irrigation maintenance, top watering, and new plantings and Josiah Hanover, who is already our janitor, at one additional hour per week. He will

pick up the trash and do lawn maintenance. They will team up for big jobs, such as tree pruning.

Genevieve has used the agreed landscaping budget for 2016, but would like additional funds to build the gazebo, approx. \$3,500. Bob Dill is available to do this at the beginning of next year. She would also like to get another picnic table for the smoking area. She needs a volunteer with a portable chain saw mill to make benches out of the elm tree that was cut down. She would like a budget to hire short term workers for small jobs that volunteers can't be found to do.

Library and Seed Library Report: Pat:

This month we received two more shelves-worth of board books for toddlers. These books have titles like *Yummy Yucky*, *Little You*, *Dream Animals*, *Numbers Colors Shapes* and the riveting cliffhanger, *Where is the Green Sheep?*

For adults we have many books gleaned from the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award long lists, including *Eileen* and *The Schooldays of Jesus*. Best sellers and new books on our shelves include: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett, *Missing* by James Patterson, *Two By Two* by Nicholas Sparks and a new memoir by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Our next Poetry Reading will be later this month on Friday, October 28th. Please join us at 7:30.

It has been a busy 5 weeks for our library!

In September we launched our exciting new early literacy program, 1000 Books before Kindergarten. The program encourages parents to read with their preschoolers to help them become better prepared for school and to foster a love of reading in their children. The parents track the number of books they read, and turn in a tracking slip for every 100 books in exchange for a special reward.

So far 12 children are signed up for the program. Josh has a great PSA on the radio, there are signs up everywhere. So far he has done outreach at the Health Fair, the preschool, and the Family Resource Center for Family Night, where he has read stories and promoted the program.

In anticipation of the program and the books that parents will need we made an initial purchase of over 100 board books for babies and toddlers purchased with funds given by the Friends, so thank you Friends! We have submitted a grant application to TEI audible for easy/picture books that address preschool concepts. We are exploring other funding for books in Spanish.

California Indian Days was in September and Josh represented the Library at the annual Health Fair. Josh researched and purchased about three dozen new books for our First American collection which were on special display for two weeks.

September is also when libraries across the nation recognized the books that have been challenged and/or removed from shelves in public and school libraries. “Banned Books” have been on display last week and this week.

The last five weeks have also been busy for the Seed Library. The Heirloom Expo was held in early September and Pat travelled to Santa Rosa to attend the Expo and Seed Librarian’s Summit. She was able to attend lectures and network with seed breeders and activists from all over the country and came back with books, seeds, and information help us grow the library in the months and years ahead.

Our Tomato Tasting, held during Farmers Market on September 16th, had 22 folks participating. Sun Gold was the overall winner with Chocolate Cherokee winning “Best Old-Time Tomato Flavor.” We also purchased a set of 8 graduated seed cleaning screens for use of our patrons at seed events.

Ree Slocum is doing an article about the Seed Library for Mendocino County’s new food magazine, *Word of Mouth*.

This week Pat traveled to Laytonville to speak to the Long Valley Garden Club and the Friends of the Library about how to start their own Seed Library. Nine people from the community attended.

The Seed Library’s facebook page has over 1,500 followers as of September.

Next Friday, at 7 p.m., the Sustainability Movie Series returns with a screening of *The Breach*, a film about our relationship with Salmon. We hope you will join us to watch this beautiful and ultimately hopeful film about salmon and salmon restoration in the Pacific Northwest. Upcoming movies for the fall and winter include, **The Garden, How to Save the World, and Race to Extinction.**

Fundraising: Larry:

Altogether, we have raised c. \$9,000 this year to date.

On October 15 there will be a fundraising dance featuring the band Dgiin. We will need two people to do security, mostly, to comply with the law, to make sure alcohol does not travel out of the restricted area. The patio will be roped off and signage will be put up. There will be food service on the patio out of the kitchen window. Nonalcoholic beverages will be sold there to separate them from the bar. Everyone who wishes to buy alcohol will be carded and bracelets will be issued to those over 21. We will have three certified alcohol servers to staff the bar. Someone will be hired to clean up afterwards. Housing needs to be found for four band members.

The Itals will play November 12.

Fox’s Blues Band is scheduled for December 10.

A newsletter is in the works and is targeted to go out mid-November. Landscaping and expanded library activities will be featured.

Radio: Lew:

The station hosted a group of kids from the elementary school who were on a field trip. They sang a song on the air and gave a station ID. They also toured the library.

Tomorrow (Saturday Oct 8) KYBU will do their Adopt A Highway cleanup at 10am.

There will be a series of public forums on Thursdays at 6. The first one will be with advocates of Mendocino County ballot measure AF, which will regulate cannabis cultivation. In two weeks, county supervisors who oppose the measure will be interviewed.

Democracy Now!'s broadcast of the October 9 presidential debate will be aired.

Art Exhibit: Xam Lara:

An exhibition of Xam's photographs will be hung in the Commons lobby. There will be an opening reception November 4 at 8pm. Among his subjects are Mexican indigenous people, the Zapatistas and other scenes of Mexico.

Meeting adjourned 5:46 pm

Next meeting: October 7, 2016

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary