

## **Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, November 4, 2016**

### **Attending:**

Ed TePas  
Patricia Sobrero  
Carol Borden  
Lew Chichester  
Blaire Ladd  
Joe Gauder  
Genevieve Middleton  
Michael Shepherd  
Jenn Procacci  
Mary Jane Cummings  
Michael Mills  
Larry Fugman  
Colleen Carter

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm.

The October minutes were approved, with a request to make them juicier in future.

### **Library Report: Pat:**

**New books:** Novels include *The Terranauts* by T.C Boyle, *The Hagseed* by Margaret Atwood, and *The Whistler* by John Grisham. Also, there are new biographies of Adolf Hitler, Bruce Springsteen, and Brian Wilson.

October was a great month for **Storytime** at the library. The library offered lots of crafts including ghosts and jack-o'-lanterns. Thanks to our monthly Storytime volunteers Colleen Carter, Roberta Hurt and Crispin Littlehales!

**Volunteer and staff appreciation event.** On October 7<sup>th</sup> we appreciated the many people who support and work at the library. Library staff, regular volunteers, the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library gathered in the Community Room to eat pizza and enjoy each other's company. All were recognized for their contributions to our community library.

The **poetry reading** in October was well attended. We had quite a few original poems this time, and a higher number of recited poems than usual. The next poetry reading will be in January 2017.

We have 18 children signed up for our early literacy program, **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**.

November is **Native American Heritage Month** and our library is observing this by participating in a campaign called #NATIVEREADS. First Nations Development Institute created #NATIVE READS as a way to promote Children's and Young Adult literature that addresses native issues and perspectives. A reading list and study guides were developed and readers are encouraged to read and discuss these specific titles during the month of November. Participants are encouraged to use the hashtag #NATIVEREADS on social media. Get the reading list at <http://www.firstnations.org/> or at the Library.

**International Games Day** Libraries around the world will be hosting games on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll open up the Community Room at 11 and are exploring ways to make it a special experience.

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll be hosting Coloring and Games in the Community Room. Coloring is at 11 through 12:30 and Games is 1-4.

**Sustainability Film** In October we had 14 patrons show up to view the film about salmon, *The Breach*. Our November film is *The Garden*. It tells the story of the now demolished South Central Farm; a community garden and urban farm located in Los Angeles, California. The Garden details the plight of the farmers who organized and worked on the farm and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. Xamuel was involved with The Garden and will be at the screening to offer his remembrances and personal insights. We'll be showing the film at 7 pm on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

(Not the second Friday of the month as we usually do, because of the holiday.)

**Seed Library** On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Pat made a presentation to the Laytonville Garden Club and Friends of the Longvale Library.

There is interest in the community in establishing their own library. The Seed Library also planted a couple dozen more milkweed plants in the beds surrounding the Walnut Grove and plan on registering as a Monarch Waystation this month.

**Executive committee resignation:**

Isabel LeMieux, one of the committee's current members at large, tendered her resignation by email:

Friends of the Round Valley Library,

This email is to certify that I, Isabelle Lemieux, officially resign my position as member at large on the Friends board. It was a pleasure working with all of you. I wish the best of luck for the future of the Friends organization.

Thank you,

Isabelle LeMieux

This returns the Executive committee to its original number of members at large: 1. Bye, bye Izzy! Great job!

**Coffee shop:** Michael Shepherd:

The café has installed a rotating kiosk for curated paperback books, for sale at \$3 each. The proceeds go the Friends. So far, this has brought in \$80.

The café has gotten rolling trash cans and will continue to take their trash to the dump. Wow! Things are really coming along on the trash front!!! Thanks guys!!!!!!!

**Bookkeeping:** Colleen:

There were a question of which bank account some expenses were supposed to come out of. This was cleared up. (Boring...)

The Friends need a newer computer and QuickBooks program, as both are obsolete. There was some discussion of a strategies for a newer computer, such as using a refurbished computer that the library gave back when the county bought new computers or getting a used Mac. These will be looked into and the cost will be put into the 2017 budget. Nothing as exciting as a new computer!!!! Newer!! Better!!! Bigger!!! Faster!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Radio:** Lew:

A new half hour show has been produced by the high school audio media and broadcast journalism class. It is called "Mustang Media Mix" and will air on Wednesdays at 6pm. Go Mustangs!!!!

**Fundrai\$ing \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$: Lew and Larry:**

Night Sun Snavelly has put on several Reggae shows to benefit the Commons that bring in a good amount of money. He has been using a portion of the profit to upgrade the audio equipment in the Community Room. He would like to purchase a \$977 mixing board with money we make from the November 12 reggae show with the Itals that he is producing. He has a list of equipment he would like to purchase in the future to get the Commons up to a professional level of sound production. This would be over the course of a few years and would like approval to take 25-30% of the proceeds from each event he produces annually for this purpose. Since his events are sufficiently profitable to accommodate that and still make our fundraising goal, this was approved. Boy, that's really going to be something when we have a top notch sound system! And Night Sun brings really good bands, so they deserve a really good sound system!!

The Paperback Café will sell Sicilian style pizza by the slice at the November 12 event. They have agreed to the same arrangement as Good Life Catering had for the Dgiin event, which is to give 30% of the gross take to the Friends. Um, yummy and hooray for the good cooking!!

Josiah Hanover, who provides our usual janitorial service, has been hired to clean up after the event. He does a good job, yay Josiah!!!

There was a request to make the audio system easier for our non-tech Community Room renters to use. Lew will make that happen. That would be soooooo great to just be able to plug in the old iPod and presto!!!! Music!!!!

The dance that Dgiin played last month was a really well done event. Kudos to Joe for the smooth organization, Good Life Catering for providing delicious food and all the volunteers who made the event work well. The Friends cleared about \$2,500. And boy, did we have fun!!!!!! What a great event!!!!!! We met the sheriff's request to tighten up our alcohol service by fencing off the area, asking for ID and issuing wrist bands and having certified servers and had these cool picnic tables out away from everybody under canopies with pretty lights for the smokers. They actually used this area to smoke!!!!!! Whoopee!!!!!!

KYBU will have their annual anniversary party December 11. Details have not been worked out yet. It will be great, their parties always are!!!!!!

**Newsletter:** Larry

The annual newsletter/fundraising appeal has been laid out and is getting fine-tuned. The hope is that it will be in the mail, in envelopes hand addressed by

a cadre of volunteers, by Thanksgiving. Wow, that's a lot of great work! Go cursive-literate volunteers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There was a question about culling obsolete email addresses from the list the minutes are emailed to. If you receive these minutes and you would like to be removed from the list, please reply to Ed. The monthly meeting minutes are posted at <http://www.roundvalley.org/Minutes.htm>. When there is an online general interest email, such as Ed's newsletter, it is sent out by Mail Chimp to 320 recipients. The print newsletter is sent out to 450 physical addresses. We try to treat our members well and keep them well informed!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We love feedback!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Kitchen:** Blaire:

There are no new kitchen renters. However, the rats are back again. Terminex has come out to address the situation in the storeroom and will come out again as the rats seem to be in the utility closet. Darn those pesky rats!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Building:** Jenn:

Our trash is now being picked up weekly on Wednesdays by Solid Waste of Willits. However, when there is a weekend event, there is an excess amount of trash and it needs to be removed immediately. It can be put in the old regular trash cans and taken to the dump the next day. So fantastic that Joe and crew are willing to do these things!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks, y'all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The new reusable beer cups that are purchased at a party with beer for \$1 go through the dishwasher fine. What a great idea!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Farmers Market group are sponsoring their annual holiday market two Fridays, December 2 and December 16, at the Commons. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up some quality, locally handmade holiday presents!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Meeting adjourned 6:14pm!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Next meeting: December 2, 2016! Yippeeee!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Submitted by Carol Borden, secretary, who did her best to spice them up without offending anybody!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ;-)

Well, maybe the rats were offended, but for that I'm not sorry. They can take their business elsewhere.