

## Minutes of General Meeting FRVPL Friday, December 2, 2016

### **Attending:**

Ed TePas  
Patricia Sobrero  
Carol Borden  
Lew Chichester  
Blaire Ladd  
Joe Gauder  
Michael Mills  
Larry Fugman  
Colleen Carter  
John Marshall  
Josh Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

The November minutes were approved.

### **Radio:** Lew:

The show being produced by the high school class is really good, but not consistently ready to air.

There will be a KYBU 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on 12/11, 6-11pm. It will be “dress up” black and white. The music will be provided by all local bands.

### **Library Report:** Josh:

**New books:** New books were added to our collection on the last week of November (early this week) including *News of the World* by Paulet Jiles, a new book of essays by Mary Oliver, and new titles by Anne Rice, Fannie Flagg, Michael Chabon, and James Patterson. Nonfiction titles include books on gluten free living, renovating your bathroom, and Yellowstone National Park.

**New Display:** In November the Library got a new display! The FRVPL Display and Education committee, which consists of John Marshall, Pat Sobrero, and Barbara Youngblood, installed a space-themed display in front of the circulation desk. It has books for adults and kids, reproductions of Hubble telescope photographs, and other cosmic knick knacks. If you look carefully you will spot a few Star Wars action figures.

Scheduled to coincide with the unveiling of our new display, our **Stargazing** event happens tonight, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have telescopes and a laser pointer to help participants learn the constellations. Event starts at 7:30 pm inside the library, and will move outside shortly thereafter. Dress warm!

**#NATIVE READS:** In November, Josh read aloud at the elementary school in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and at the charter school for the 4/5/6 combo.. The books were selected from a reading list published by First Nations Development Institute and were meant to acknowledge and celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The readings went well and student were receptive.

**Security cameras:** There was an incident mid-month when it may have been useful to authorities to view the footage. Upon logging on, it became clear that they did not work. D. Maxwell suspects that the wires have been chewed by rats.

**International Games Day** happened on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> and attracted 13 gamers.

**Kusudama:** Make an origami kusudama at the library on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Kusudama are made with brightly colored paper. Their eye-catching colors make them a festive decoration for the holiday season.

**Sustainability Film:** Last month's film, *The Garden* attracted 12 viewers. The film has been added to our collection. *How to Change the World, The Story of Greenpeace*, will be the next film screened as part of the library's ongoing Sustainability Film Series. Join us on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Mural:** Carol for Jenn Procacci

Jenn submitted a report which said the mural is complete except signing and sealing which would take place this weekend. She is grateful for the opportunity to paint it and the support she's gotten from the Friends and the community. She is "open to the continuing evolution of this project in the future". She included an accounting of how the \$2,000 budget was spent.

Thank you, Jenn! The mural is beautiful and you did an awesome job.

**Bylaws:** Carol:

The Bylaws committee (Carol, Colleen and Mary Jane Cummings) has been working on a draft of revisions that is pretty much finished. Carol handed out some copies to members who expressed an interest in reviewing it and giving feedback. The committee will meet with Marc Komer, who is our Library Advisory Board representative, as well as a paralegal, to also review them and make his recommendations.

**Educational display:** John:

Last year this project had a budget of \$800, of which \$670 has been spent. John would like to request \$1,200 for next year. This will go into the consideration when the 2017 budget is formulated.

**Community Foundation grant:**

The Community Foundation has been consistent in funding projects for Round Valley. This year, we would like to ask for a grant to fund further improvements to the landscaping, such as building a gazebo and putting in lighting. The grant is due to be submitted very soon. Genevieve and Blaire will work on that.

**Community Room improvement:** Lew:

The Community Room is becoming somewhat cluttered. The antique oak sideboard is not that useful and could be replaced by a more functional counter and cupboards. Since it came with the purchase of the building, it may be of importance to the Wilson family. Richard will be asked if he wants it or has an opinion of what to do with it.

The speakers have been mounted on the wall and are accessible for use with any device that can be plugged into them.

**Kitchen:** Blaire:

There have been more renters in the kitchen, as the season is upon us.

The rats have returned. Two of them were found dead in the janitor's closet and two were caught in traps in the library storage room. Terminex returned, as per their maintenance contract, and dealt with them.

**Fundraising:** Larry:

- Harvest Concert was a great success. Many thanks to Night Sun and his crew who worked countless hours to put this together on our behalf. The event was well organized and supervised. Over 200 people attended. After all his expenses Night Sun was able to donate \$1,840 to the Friends. The Friends also had a few expenses, so net should be about \$1,500.
- Fundraising totals to date for 2016 including donations and net from events = \$12,801.
- Annual newsletter and fundraising appeal to all contributors was put in mail on November 30. Nearly 450 letters were mailed. Thanks to Paula, Lonnie Hinman, Carol, Shirley Kyle, Linda Borges, and Marylou for helping to get the envelopes addressed. Lew was also waiting in the wings to lend a hand if needed. Thanks also to Michael for designing the newsletter and being my chief partner on this project!
- We have access to several new databases that may allow us to attempt another mailing after the holidays. Michael has provided information about a business that can organize mailings with bulk mail permit, so we will be investigating that approach.

**Website:** John:

John has been administering Roundvalley.org for 10 years and would like to pass it to somebody else. He will do it until February.

The site is currently hosted by Earthlink at a cost of \$20/month. We own the domain name.

There was a discussion of what tending the site would entail. It needs updated technology, redesigning and ongoing editing, updating and maintenance. Templates and stuff were mentioned, whatever that means. Jenn has expressed interest. Joe and Blaire would also like to help.

Thank you, John, for building and maintaining this site for so many years.

Meeting adjourned 6:22pm

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

Submitted by Carol Borden, borrrring secretary, [yawn]