

**Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Library Board Meeting  
Marianne Beck Memorial Library  
112 W. Central Ave**

**Date:** January 6, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Steele at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Board members: Jim Steele, Beth Flack, Gwendolyn McIlvaine, Marcia Schneider, Tahsia O'Keefe; Library Director Tara Hall, Friends of the Library President Kristine Trevett, and Vice President Jaynie Wilkins-Earley, and Vicki Steele.

**Minutes:** The minutes of December 2, 2021 were read and approved with one correction. The word "Monsieur" Steele with Jim Steele.

**Library Director's Report:** See the attached report

**New Business:**

The Pilcrow Foundation offered a matching grant for children's books. The Friends of the Library gave \$400 to match the grant. The library received 93 books as fulfillment of the grant.

Sara Maude Grant: Director Hall and Sean O'Keefe are writing the grant to obtain funds for a Literature and Conservation project to create a story and poetry walk at the Sara Maude Park. The grant will be awarded sometime between July and October. The Deadline is for submitting the grant is February 28, 2022.

Vicki Steele has been conducting the Friday children's story time. Vicki announced to the Board that she will be leaving that position on April 15. Director Hall will begin finding a replacement.

Tahsia O'Keefe informed the Board that Duke Energy has a grant available for reading programs. Her contact at Duke Energy will provide her with the link to the grant.

Director Hall announced that Hannah Van Wagner has been hired as a part time library employee for 20 to 25 hours a week. Her salary is covered by a grant for the first year and there after the Town will provide for her salary.

The final LEC Reservation and Agreement forms were presented to Town Council and approved as written.

**Old Business:**

Friends of the Library announcements: Upcoming programs include a presentation by George Taylor, Director of Lake County Library Services, in March about his research of the history of Disney World. Also the Friends will host a Book Bingo event in February to gather patrons and obtain their feedback about current programming and futures planning.

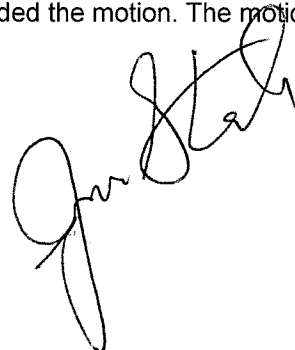
**Public Comments:** None

Adjournment: Gwendolyn McIlvaine moved to adjourn. Tahsia O'Keefe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Schneider*

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Schneider", is written over the typed name and title.