

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

Date: February 3, 2022

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

Attendance: Board members: Jim Steele, Beth Flack, Tahsia O'Keefe, Marcia Schneider, Gwendolyn McIlvaine; Director Tara Hall, Library part time employee Hanna Van Wagner; Friends of the Library President Kristine Trevett and Vice President Jaynie Wilkins-Earley, and Corresponding Secretary Sue Widerski;
From the community: Dennis Hall, Vicki Steele, Ann Hilinger, and Pamela Szydluk

Minutes: The Board meeting minutes of January 6, 2022, were read. Gwen McIlvaine made the motion to approve to approve the minutes as written. Tahsia O'Keefe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Library Director's Report: See attached report

New Business:

1. After reviewing the frequency of use of the in library computers, three of the computers and the desks were removed to make better use of the space. The plan is to acquire display cubes, display and storage slides for books, and Lego storage on wheels. Director Hall has researched these items with Friends of the Library board members. Jaynie Wilkins-Earley presented a planning drawing for the placement of these items. In addition to the furniture Director Hall plans to add additional books to create a home school collection to meet their curriculum requirements and other students. To pay for these improvements, Director Hall is applying for two grants. One for the books and a separate one for the furniture. The estimate for the furniture is \$6,615.00 plus a \$7,500.00 shipping fee. She will apply for impact fee money to cover the shipping costs. The grant applications are due March 1, 2022.
2. The current fund appropriation allotted to the Marianne Beck Memorial Library is \$15,000.00 plus an additional amount based on circulation. The Lake County Library system has seven different methods for the funds dispersal under consideration. No decision has been made at this time.
3. Director Hall reported that George Taylor, Director of Lake County Library Services, has applied for a grant for 86 inch whiteboard TVs with a cart. One would be for use in the LEC room.
4. Marcia Schneider's term on the board is expiring in March 2022. The Board has been seeking a replacement.
5. Friends of the Library President Kristine Trevett announced the Friends is sponsoring a Book Bingo event open to the community on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 10 am to 12 pm. The Friends will provide refreshments.
6. Jim and Vicki Steele collaborated with Tahsia O'Keefe to publish the Children's Anthology Book on Amazon. Friends of the Library will pay for the publishing as before. The books will be available for sale via Amazon for parents and friends to purchase.
7. Jim Steele announced that the Library Foundation purchased a toddler swing for the park.

With no further business presented for discussion, Tahsia O'Keefe made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gwendolyn McIlvaine. The motioned passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary
(electronically signed)

