

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

**Date:** March 7, 2019

**Call to Order:** In the absence of Chairperson Bob Latshaw the meeting was called to order by board member Rosemary Soto.

**Attendance:** Board members Rosemary Soto, Marcia Schneider, Beth Flack, Tahsia O'Keefe; Director Tara Hall, Friends of the Library President JoJo Lowe and Vice President Fran Wagler.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February 7, 2019 were read approved with grammatical corrections.

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

**New Business:**

The Howey Garden and Civic Club granted \$2,000.00 to the Friends of the Library for the library to use for special programming. Director Hall is reviewing several program options in particular for the four Thursdays of the summer reading program. Included in her review is having an astronomer present.

**Building Grant News:** As part of the grant requirements Director Hall must do a five minute presentation to other contending libraries and library directors and the Lake County Library System Director about why Howey deserves the building grant. Because the presentation is in one week, time was set aside during the meeting to offer ideas and suggestions for the presentation at Director Hall's request. Notes were taken by Secretary Schneider and will be delivered to all present via e-mail for review and editing.

Founder's Day events will be taking place in and around the library on the plaza and in the park areas on Saturday May 11. The Howey Mansion will be offering 200 free tickets for self guided tours on May 8<sup>th</sup> as their Second Annual Charity Ball is that weekend also. Fran Wagler reviewed the Founder's Day tri fold poster "About Howey" contest sponsored by the Founder's Day committee. The contest will have cash prizes for three age categories. The candidates' boards will be on display at the library.

This month's Meet The Artist event features quilter Jenny Williams. The food theme will be St. Patrick's Day with corned beef sliders, and veggies of the green variety.

**Old Business:**

**Book Fest Update:** The county system has dropped the event proposed last year. However Howey Library has not. Fran Wagler presented an outline and a tentative block calendar/schedule of activities. Publicity for the event will include postings in the library, businesses around town, direct mail if that can be arranged, and email blasts to Friends members and other libraries.

To date no one has reserved space on plaza for the \$5.00 donation scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments:** None

Motion to adjourn was made by Tahsia O'Keefe and seconded by Beth Flack. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Schneider*

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)