

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

**Date:** October 3, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Steele at 7:06 pm.

**Attendance:** Board members: Jim Steele, Tahsia O'Keefe, Rosemary Soto, Beth Flack, Marcia Schneider. Friends of the Library liaison JoJo Lowe, President. From the community: Vicki Steele. Director Hall was excused from attending.

**Minutes:** Minutes were read and approved with grammatical corrections.

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

**New Business:**

The annual fall community garage sale will take place the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Friends of the Library will offer spots on Central Plaza for a donation of \$5 to anyone in the community (this has Town Council approval if donations go for the Friends support of the Library). JoJo Lowe will message the Friends volunteers for help covering the event on Friday and Saturday and to direct folks for donations from the used book selections in the Library.

Re: The Christmas Festival. The Friends of the Library will have the baked goods auction under a tent at the Saturday Festivities. Fran Wagler will be in charge.

Vicki Steele asked what the Library had planned for the Christmas season. The Giving Tree was well received and will be an ongoing event at the library as last year.

Update on the Library Education Center (LEC): Ground breaking will likely not occur until after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Closer to the date the Board will contact City Hall about coordinating the ground breaking event and publicizing the event.

Chef Caterson will be presenting Florida Cuisine on October 5<sup>th</sup>. His presentations have been well attended in the past. He is also scheduled in January.

Halloween Bash at the library: There will be a costume contest judged by Tara Hall and Miles Wagler. Howey events will provide Halloween candy and trick or treat bags. There will be a scarecrow contest. Submissions must be at the Library by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Pete Deschene will provide music. As a fund raiser Miles Wagler has created Halloween character portrait board cutouts for pictures asking donations for the library. Half of the funds will go to the Library and half to Miles to cover expenses.

There will be Trunk or Treat at Community Church to coordinate with the Library event for kids.

**Old Business:**

Tahsia O'Keefe will check with the County Library for any guidelines or regulations regarding use of the LEC during nonscheduled times.

**Public Comments:** Vicki Steele's comment as a above.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Schneider*

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)

