

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

Date: May 6, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairperson Jim Steele.

Attendance: Board members: Jim Steele, Marcia Schneider, Beth Flack, Tahsia O'Keefe; Library Director Tara Hall, Sean O'Keefe, Howey Town Administrator; Friends of the Library President Jojo Lowe, incoming Friends President Jennifer Wright, Library Board candidate Gwendolyn McIlvaine,

Minutes: Minutes of the April 1, 2021, meeting were read. The motion to accept was made by Beth Flack, seconded by Tahsia O'Keefe and voted to accept as written.

Library Director's Report: See the attached report

New Business: Director Hall attended the Lake County Library System Directors meeting. She announced that once again the library privatization company LSSI has approached offering to manage the library. They have done so in Osceola and Sumter counties. The company is privately held out of Boston. They offer cost savings. However the local community then has no control and there is no accountability to local citizens. The company's offer has been rejected in the past.

Director Hall announced the library apportionment from the county system increased this year from \$32,673.00 to \$33,337.00

J. Lowe introduced Jennifer Wright who will be replacing her in June. T. O'Keefe introduced Gwendolyn McIlvaine who is a candidate for library board member replacing Rosemary Soto pending Town Council approval.

Discussion: Several ideas for events for community youth were brought to the table. The goal to engage families and reach out to teens and add to our young children programs. S. O'Keefe and J. Wright offered to work on gathering information on the number of teens in our community in order to plan events targeted to their age. The Founders Day Quilt raffle funds were donated in support of children's programs as well as others in the community have donated funds designated for children's and youth programs to Friends of the Library. A father daughter dance, teen pizza party, movie nights, were included in the discussion. Also the board would like to continue children's young authors and poets events.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the revisions drafted at the last meeting and were accepted. The only question is the change of the Chairman to Chairperson. Chairman would keep this section in sync with the rest of the ordinance. The next step is to submit the changes to Town Council.

Public Comments: As contributed in discussion for children's program ideas.

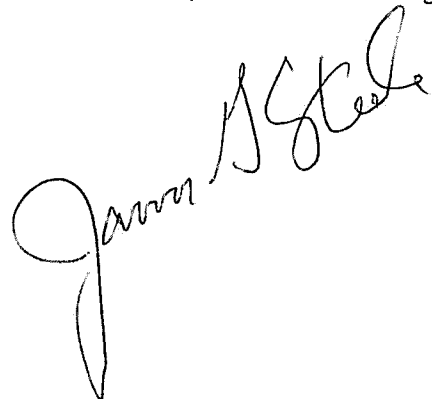
Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by T. O'Keefe, Seconded by Beth Flack and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)

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