

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

Date: July 1, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Jim Steele.

Attendance: Board members: Jim Steele, Beth Flack, Gwendolyn McIlvaine, Marcia Schneider, Tahsia O'Keefe; Tara Hall, Library Director; Jennifer Wright, President of Friends of the Library, from the community; Vicki Steele, guest presenter Reise Lanning-Haas.

Minutes: Minutes of May 6, 2021, were read. No corrections were made. Motion to approve was made by Gwendolyn McIlvaine and seconded by Marcia Schneider. Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Library Director's Report: See attached report.

New Business:

Reise Lanning-Haas introduced himself as an independent Amazon Prime bookseller. He offered to set up a used book sale providing the advertising, setting up and running the sale to benefit the Friends of the Library. In lieu of a charge for the services, he would scan all of the used books taking the books that would sell on Amazon and give the Friends of the Library a percentage of 10% to 20% of the profit from Amazon sales. The Friends would keep all of the onsite book sale money. He offered to do this every three to six months. The sale would take place at the library. After discussion the motion was made by Marcia Schneider to try the sale once on a trial basis on the the time change weekend of November 5 and 6, and the Friends of the Library would coordinate on the advertising language that the books were offered for donations not a sale. The motion was seconded by Beth Flack. The motion passed 4 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Director Hall gave an update on a grant asking for a part time library employee that would provide \$15,000 for an employee 20 hours per week for one year. This is still pending.

A grant from the FCC as part of the federal American Rescue Plan is offering would provide a lap top computer or tablet for homeschoolers. These could be distributed through the library and must be for use off the library premises.

Friends of the Library Update: Jennifer Wright said she has been receiving historical documents for safe keeping. The Father Daughter Dance will be on September 25th at the Howey Mansion.

Meet the Artist will be the third Friday in July and feature community youth presenting photography and hand drawn or painted art work. Prizes will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Pizza and lemonade will be served provided by Friends of the Library.

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the policy and procedure for use of the LEC for activities other than those sponsored by the library has been postponed to the August meeting. The motion to postpone was made by Tahsia O'Keefe and seconded by Beth Flack and passed unanimously.

A recent request from a group from outside the community was not granted as there is not a policy in place.

Adjournment: Gwendolyn McIlvaine made the motion to adjourn, was seconded by Beth Flack and motioned passed. The Board Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

