

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

Date: July 6, 2017

Call to Order: at 7:08 pm by Chairperson Bob Latshaw

Attendance: Bob Latshaw, Pat Vacherlon, Rosemary Sato, Marcia Schneider, Tara Hall, Library Director, JoJo Lowe, President of Howey Friends of the Library (FOL)

Minutes: There was no meeting in June due to vacations.

Library Director's Report: See the report included with the minutes.

New Business:

- Director Hall has recruited volunteers including students Hannah and Will Van Wagner to assist with "house cleaning" projects such as checking all games for missing pieces, adding bar codes to games and other organizing activities.
- Several Large print books were donated to Hawthorne senior living complex library to make room for new materials.
- Citizen John Scott has offered the Library a large screen and projector for \$200.00. Director Hall asked JoJo Lowe, President of the FOL about the purchase. It is suggested that Director Hall check with the IT/Media Dept of the Lake system for an opinion regarding usability/compatibility with current equipment.
- Movie night: movie night was attended by 11 people and considered a moderate success. Our thanks to Bob Latshaw for hosting the event. The next movie night will be July 14th showing the family movie Nine Lives starring Kevin Spacey. It is hoped that word of mouth and Library postings will increase attendance.
- Peggy Ernest had discussed with Director Hall that a sound system may be available for Library use during presentations and classes at the library. Director Hall to follow-up with Peggy.
- JoJo Lowe presented a suggestion to communicate with the Lake Hills School Guidance Counselor to see if there are any services the Library could offer for any of their students and for providing education about children disabilities to the community. No objections were expressed.
- The next Howey Budget Meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2017. Director Hall presented information with statistics comparing Howey to other county libraries and member libraries regarding size, employees and business conducted. It appears though small the Howey Library has been increasing patrons and circulation of material with one paid employee and an all volunteer staff except for the Director.
- The Board commends Director Hall for all the creative activities and efforts for increasing community awareness and participation in Library events to date this year. A special thank you for the success of the summer reading program outpacing previous years.
- Director Hall has scheduled the Big Red Bus for July 14th. A first for Howey. There will be table tents at the Library and posters in local businesses.

Old Business:

Diane Merchant has volunteered to periodically check on the Free Library at the water front park and reported to Tara it is being well used. There was general discussion for adding one for children in that location as well. No decision was made and issue tabled for now. Director Hall is going to discuss having another Free Library constructed for Blevins Park and will contact John Ernest regarding that suggestion from the Board. (con't)

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Public Comments: None presented

Director Hall suggested that the next board meeting be schedule for September because of vacation schedules there will not be a quorum to conduct business.

Motion to accept Director Halls suggestion and then adjourn was made by Pat Vacherlon and Rosemary Soto seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)