

Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Library Board Meeting
Marianne Beck Memorial Library
112 W. Central Ave
February 7, 2019

Call to Order: Bob Latshaw called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Library Director's Report: See the attached report.

New Business: Fran Wagler led a review of the Board bylaws. The bylaws have rules pertaining to board member selection, approval and time periods served. The bylaws read that there will be five members, three of which must live in Howey. At present the Board has two that live in Howey. Board members have term expiration dates on a staggered basis with new appointments in June. Tashia O'Keefe offered examples of how the County Library Advisory Board tracks term expiration dates as a way to track Howey Library Board term expiration dates. Candidates to serve on the Board are approved by the Mayor and Town Council. What was not clear is how prospective board members were recruited by the Board from the community. There was discussion without a conclusion as to how the Board would solicit new members from the community. It was also discussed if the term of 2 years would meet the needs of the board for continuity. It was suggested that a sub committee further review the bylaws and provide recommendations to the Board. No further action was taken at this time.

Friends of the Library announced that the Howey Garden and Civic Club donated a total of \$8,500 to the Library Learning Center building fund. At this time the total available is at the \$91,000.00 mark.

Director Hall is hosting the annual volunteer recognition party Saturday, February 9th at 1pm. at the library.

The Quarter Auction tentatively scheduled for March 23rd has been postponed upon further consideration of obtaining a location. One venue under consideration was a room at Nickers for \$300.00 plus any food costs. No outside food can be brought in which raises costs.

The First Founders Day was May 8, 1925. The 94th anniversary party for the founding of Howey will be May 11th this year. There is Founder's Day committee planning the event.

Old Business:

JoJo Lowe has been on the radio station WLBE 790 AM promoting activities at the library as a community resource not just for books.

The Lake County Library System is holding a meeting for all friends of the library officers throughout the county system. It is to be a net working opportunity for ideas to enhance and support their efforts on behalf of their community library. It will be held February 22 at the Mt. Dora W.T. Library.

Meet The Artist will be February 15th. Soup samples to be provided.

The Chess tournament will be held Saturday, February 23rd. Registration will be at 8:30 and play 9am to 4 pm.

Public Comments: Fran Wagler announced a Founders Project Competition for students. It involves creating a story board about Howey. There would be three judges and monetary awards for each category of grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-12. The project would be announced soon. A display of the the boards and announcement of winners would on Central Plaza May11. The prizes would be provided by the Founders Day Committee.

Adjournment: with no further business presented Marcia Schneider motioned to adjourn, Tahsia O'Keefe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bob Latshaw, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Schneider, Secretary
Marcia Schneider, Secretary (electronically signed)

Bob Latshaw
3/7/19