

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

**Date:** September 17, 2020

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jim Steele, Chairman, at 7:02 pm.

**Attendance:** Board Members: Jim Steele, Tahsia O'Keefe, Rosemary Soto, Marcia Schneider, Director Tara Hall. Representatives from the community: JoJo Lowe, President of Howey Friends of the Library, Fran Wagler, Vice President of Howey Friends of the Library, Vicki Steele.

**Minutes:** Minutes of August 6, 2020, were read. Motion to approve as written made by Tahsia O'Keefe, seconded by Rosemary Sato, and passed unanimously.

**Library Director's Report:** See Attached Report

**New Business:**

Shades for the new addition: One quote has been scheduled from Clermont Blinds and Decorating, the company that did the blinds in the library when the remodeling took place in 2014. A second quote will be requested for comparison.

TV with a sound bar and wall mounting system for the new addition was purchased by members of the community. Thank you notes have been sent for this generous donation. John Ernest, Supervisor, from Public Works will do the installation of the wall mounting.

Electronic signage for community activities: The Board was informed that the Howey Police department has initiated a grant for funding the project. Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Library will be asked to contribute. The specifics won't be discussed until the outcome of the grant request is known.

Jim Steele announced that George Jackson who has managed the Howey Library Foundation has asked him to take over the responsibility. Some members of the board had not been aware of the Foundation. Jim Steele provided a brief history. The foundation was established many years ago to create the initial library building. There are some funds remaining. In 20014 the Foundation provided funds for the blinds in the library after the remodeling was completed. Jim intended to have Foundation active again to support community and library needs.

Tahsia O'Keefe had attended the Lake County Library Advisory Board meeting and provided an update regarding a \$21,000.00 grant for linked in learning classes that are free and offer a certificate of completion. For grades K-<sup>A</sup> \$7,000.00 was earmarked for Tumble Books. Also she announced the Ancestry. Com can be used from home on with one's library card on the mylakelibrary.org website.

Fran Wagler outlined a project discussed with Sean O'Keefe from the County Library Administration to provide Lake Success Academy with books and issuing library cards to the students. The project will also be presented to the school principal to participate in coordinating the project.

**Old Business:**

The tables and chairs for the new addition will be delivered tomorrow and stored at Public Works until the room is ready. The final inspection was satisfactory and there are at least two walk throughs to be done for finishing details that may be needed and a final cleaning scheduled.. The room divider will be four months out due to Covid slow down in manufacturing.

**Public Comments:** As credited above

Motion to adjourn made Rosemary Sato, seconded by Tahsia O'Keefe. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)

