

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

Date: October 1, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jim Steele, Chairman, at 7:06.

Attendance: Board Members: Jim Steele, Beth Flack, Tahsia O'Keefe; Director Tara Hall; representatives from the community: JoJo Lowe, President of Friends of the Library, Fran Wagler, Vice-President of the Friends of the Library.

Minutes: Minutes of September meeting were read. Motion to approve as written made by Tahsia O'Keefe, seconded by Beth Flack, and passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report: See attached report.

New Business:

JoJo Lowe informed the board about Baker & Taylor, a bookseller, ~~who will sell books at a 40% discount price.~~ They also buy used/donated books and will credit the library. ~~For their service, it is \$518 per year.~~

Ideas for new arrangement of the existing library was discussed. The board thought new bookshelves would be useful, as well as kid books in bins for easier access.

Beth Flack mentioned that an informal game and puzzle night in the Library Education Center would be a good addition to the library calendar when it is safe to do so.

Friends of the Library applied for the Cares Act and had to send one more requested item to complete their application. Friends of the Library will purchase a splashguard for the meeting room. Fran Wagler, vice-president of the Friends of the Library, also discussed ideas for a partnership between Lake Success and the library. The students need books. She will take a library card form to the school for the students and teachers to fill out.

The community donated school items for local homeschoolers. The library distributed many items and will continue. The library also referred a local resident interested in homeschooling to speak with other local homeschoolers.

Old Business:

The Library Foundation has generously offered to pay the \$2,118 needed for the blinds to be hung by Clermont Blinds.

The missions of both the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library were clarified. There was a discussion to see if the Foundation needed to be dissolved. As the foundation can accept donations larger than \$25,000, the library will benefit from being supported by both the foundation and the Friends of the Library. Jim Steele also informed the board that he will create a new foundation because it is less expensive than continuing the original foundation.

Motion to adjourn made by Beth Flack, seconded by Tahsia O'Keefe. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tahsia O'Keefe

