

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

Date: January ²⁷7, 2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Jim Steele, Chairperson.

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

Minutes: The meeting minutes of December 3, 2020 were read. There was one correction regarding the passing of valued volunteer Jan Monroe from Parkinson's Disease not Alzheimer's. A motion to accept with correction was made by R. Soto, seconded by T. O'Keefe and approved.

Library Director's Report: See the attached report

New Business:

A "grand opening" committee will be formalized. Director Hall to contact Mayor Macfarlane, George Taylor and the County Commissioner's office about the event.

The dedication plaque for the LEC and the plaque recognizing the donors of the TV are in process.

The artwork AS Hanging system for the LEC is also in process.

A book drop just inside the library front door at the circulation desk is being constructed to eliminate books accumulating on the desk top.

Security camera and monitoring in the LEC is being installed today and being paid for by the Friends of the Library. The estimated cost is \$2,300.00

A copy of the Leesburg Library meeting rooms rules and contract were disseminated to the those attending for consideration in formulating rules and contracts for the LEC.

Tina St. Clair has proposed sharing the cost of a shredding truck for a community shred it day asking if the Friends of the Library would contribute. It was discussed and suggested that additional community entities be contacted for interest in the project.

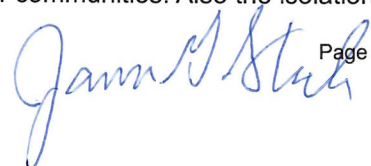
Old Business:

Status of the electronic signage for the library and the town: The Police Department wrote a grant for assistance sometime ago. No word as yet. Friends of the Library will be a contributor to the project.

J. Steele reported that Parks and Rec is considering replacing the basketball court and possibly have a pickle ball court.

Meet the Artist Wall: Carisa Imil will no longer be able to do the organizing. A new volunteer needs to be found. Suggestions for contacts will be appreciated.

Fran Wagler presented several ideas for events at the library. There is no local Girls Scout troop and events just for girls may be a need as well as the events that are held for all school age children. Boy Scout interest and leadership has waned as well. Targeted youth events once a quarter was also suggested. Howey does not have a community schools so that children in the community are scattered in other communities. Also the isolation form Covid points to a need for community youth to reconnect.



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This presentation stimulated further discussion creating a list of activity suggestions as follows:
Line dancing lessons Kite Making Make-up for girls Sewing Kite making
Painting and other crafts Yoga for Youth CPR Managing money for teens Other life Skills

Contacting community older adults with life skills or unusual careers for presentations or classes.
It was agreed that this was a start and would be discussed further to have perhaps sub committees to begin organizing events for the coming year as Covid restrictions are relaxed.

Public Comments: See above comment

Adjournment: With no further items presented for discussion T. O'Keefe made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by R. Soto and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)