

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

**Date:** April 1, 2021

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Steele.

**Attendance:** Board members Jim Steele, Rosemary Soto, Tahsia O'Keefe, Beth Flack, Marcia Schneider, Library Director Tara Hall, Friends of the Library Vice President Fran Wagler; from the community Vicki Steele.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 4, 2021, were read. Tahsia O'Keefe made the motion to approve as written, seconded by Beth Flack and passed unanimously.

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

**New Business:**

Director Hall presented a review of the LEC grand opening ceremony. One hundred and twentyfive guests from the community attended including Howey Mayor Martha MacFarlane, County Commissioner and Lake County Advisory Board Liaison Kirby Smith, George Taylor, Director of Lake County Library Services, Pam Jones, Public Relations person representing US House of Representative Daniel Webster, Carey Baker, Lake County Property Appraiser, and Library Directors from Minneola, Leesburg, and Tavares. Special guests were members of Marianne Beck's family coming from Texas. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Library.

Director Hall attended the County Library Directors meeting today and announced that Sean O'Keefe, Support Services Manager for the Lake County Library System, is leaving his position and a replacement has not yet been announced.

Director Hall announced that the non-fiction books are being reorganized.

The Town of Howey ordinances pertaining to the library were distributed for board review. Revisions were discussed. A draft will be prepared by the secretary for the next meeting for further review and input.

The following were nominated and voted unanimously to assume the following positions:

Jim Steele as chairperson  
Tahsia O'Keefe as Vice Chairperson  
Marcia Schneider, Secretary.

**Old Business:**

Fran Wagler asked what will become of the display boards depicting the history of the library from the Eagle Scout Project to the present addition. Friends of the library will consider the preservation project in conjunction with Tahsia O'Keefe, the LEC grand opening organizer and Carol Tate who with Tahsia created the displays.

**Public Comments:** As recorded above.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Schneider*

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)

