

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

Date: September 7, 2017

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Latshaw called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Attendance: Bob Latshaw, Chairperson, Rosemary Soto, Beth Flack, Marcia Schneider, Tara Hall, Library Director, Jojo Lowe, Friends of the Library President, and Sean O'Keefe Learning Experience Coordinator, Lake Library System.

Minutes: The minutes were read with a motion to approve made by Beth Flack, seconded by Rosemary Soto, and carried.

Library Director's Report: See the attached report.

New Business:

Sean O'Keefe presented information regarding the Lake County Chess Club, including providing chess instruction and play at the library and requirements for hosting a chess tournament. The requirements would include approval as an affiliate of the national chess organization, the USCF, The National Chess Federation and a USCF member would need to be the tournament director. There are fees involved and the Friends of the Library would need to be the sponsor. The Howey Library at present is the best attended chess club of all Lake Libraries. Tournaments will draw a greater area of chess players not just local patrons. Tournaments last 1 or 2 days. This was taken into consideration for further exploration.

For the month of September the Library is offering a free book of the patron's choice from our donated books for each new library card issued. Virginia Poch will make posters, J. Lowe will place on Facebook and share the information with Jenny Deschesne of Parks and Recreation.

Discussion of possible fund raising activities for the Library addition:

- Tee shirts or other apparel discussed. Howey specific vs Lake County specific considered. The subject is tabled for now.
- 5K run/walk proposed at Christmas celebration to benefit the building project.

The "Get To Know Your Town" event planned by Parks and Recreation will be held at the Library September 16, 2017 from 10 am. to 2 pm. The Library is providing space only however staff will have a promotional table.

Ideas for the Christmas Festival discussed. A possible chili cook off rather than a cookie contest was proposed. No decision at this time.

Old Business:

Movie night attendance could be better. Perhaps an e-mail blast would help as well as in Library notices and Facebook. With football season starting movie night may be limited to summers. Possibly changing the night was considered. For now the schedule will remain unchanged.

Public Comments: None


Adjourned at 8:10 pm. Motion made by Beth Flack, seconded by Rosemary Soto and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary

(electronically signed)


ROBERT J. LATSHAW JR
Chairman

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Present: Bob Latshaw, Pat Vacherlon, Rosemary Soto, Tara Hall, Beth Flack, JoJo Lowe

No previous minutes available to review

NEW BUSINESS

Attached is a memo from Parks and Recreation Board, regarding a request by Parks and Rec to assign the balance of funds they have to the MBM Library towards the proposed educational center. A member from each board, Parks and Recreation and Library, are to present this proposal to the Howey Town Council at a future date. It was decided that Beth Flack be the representative from the Library Board.

Library Director, Tara Hall, is in the process of applying for a State Grant that requires matching funds. It is a very detailed process.

Tara is preparing a flyer with information about the library, which will be placed at each home in Howey. Tara has received approval from the police department and code enforcement for this, and the Boy Scouts will be asked to place the flyers.

Library Report is noted and attached, for the month of October.

Tara requested wireless printer access from the library IT staff. Windows 10 will be added in the first quarter of next year.

The library will be closed 11/10/2017 for Veterans Day.

OLD BUSINESS

The library offers space for yard sale on 11/4, with a \$5 donation to Friends of the Library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library Vice President is Fran Wagler.

Plans for a fund raiser at the Town Christmas event are as follows. Board and Friends members will contact individuals to request baked goods donated for an auction. Auctioneer Liam Wagler will auction 5-10 items, and the remaining items will be part of a silent auction. Bakers will be given a raffle ticket per item donated, for a chance to win various prizes. Baked items are to be dropped off at the Library on 12/8/2017.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Flack



ROBERT J. LATSHAW SR (Chairman)