

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

Date: March 7, 2018

Call to Order: Beth Flack, filling in for Chairperson Bob Latshaw, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Attendance: Board members Beth Flack, Rosemary Soto, Marcia Schneider, Tara Hall, Library Director, JoJo Lowe, President of Friends of the Library, community persons Fran Wagler, and Tahsia O'Keefe.

Minutes: Minutes of January 4th were read and approved with spelling correction. Motion to accept was made by Beth Flack, Second by Marcia Schneider and passed. There was no meeting in February.

Library Director's Report: See attached report.

New Business:

- Director Hall and Friends of the Library President JoJo Lowe attended the planning meeting for the Lake Count Library System Bookfest scheduled for April 8 –13, 2019. The theme is "Spies, Lies and Alibis". The week long event is to include mystery author visits to various county libraries, an authors reception and a tea for the various friends of the library groups.
- Authors being considered include Susan Carol McCarthy, Linda Gordon Hungerer, David Baldacci, and Kate DiCamillo, Literary Ambassador of the United States.
- Each library is asked to engage an author and provide transportation.
- Each library is asked to contribute a raffle basket.
- More details to be forthcoming.
- 2018 Summer Reading Program is scheduled for each of the four Thursdays in June. Two home school mothers, Heather Terry and Dawn Stevens, have volunteered to run the program. The theme this year is Libraries Rock, as in rock music. The Van Wagner family has made a video to promote the Summer Reading Program. Board members viewed it and found it very clever and well done.

Old Business:

- Winter chess tournament at the library in January was well attended. Friends of the Library provided the trophies. The cash prizes were paid out of the registration fees. The summer chess tournament is now scheduled for Saturday, June 23. Registration is at 8:00 am and play from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with a lunch break.
- Friends of the Library are offering community citizens set-up spots for sale items on the Central Plaza at \$5.00 for the semi-annual community garage sale to be held on March 9 and 10. Set up starts at 7:00 am.
- Friends of the Library will be on hand for the Community Book Drive for donations on both days.
- March will feature the third Meet the Artist of 2018 open house on March 16. Comments on the event included the need for the artist to have something designating they are the artist, and ask that the artist remain present for the entire time from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Jojo will procure a ribbon or other such item from the Friends.
- Tahsia O'Keefe's application is still pending.

Public Comments:

Community members present contributed to discussion supporting Board efforts and offering suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Schneider

Marcia Schneider, Secretary
(electronically signed)