Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Library Board Meeting

Marianne Beck Memorial Library

112 W Central Ave

Date:

April 7, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Steele.

Attendance:

Board Members Jim Steele, Tahsia O'Keefe, Gwendolyn McIlvaine,

Beth Flack, Pamela Szydlik

Sean O'Keefe, Janyie Wilkins-Earley, John Brock, Hannah VanWagner,

Vicki Steele, Kristine Trevett

Minutes:

The minutes of March 3, 2022, were read. Motion was made to pass

minutes with spelling corrections by Tahsia O'Keefe. Motion seconded by

Gwendolyn McIlvaine.

Condolences to Library Director, Tara Hall, on the passing of husband, Dennis.

Library Director's Report:

See the attached report

Old Business:

1. ECF/E-rate Grant update presented by Sean O'Keefe.

This is an FCC grant for communications, usually used for internet costs. FCC was given extra money due to covid grants, to help provide internet access to those who generally cannot get access. The Town of Howey put in for 2 grants: 1) laptops for all homeschoolers in Lake County. 2) fiber expanding internet service brought into the town

2. County Impact Fee Application update, again presented by Sean O'Keefe.

The grant must be used for expansion. The Library Director has asked for smaller projects.

\$7500 for furniture, which has been approved

\$40,000 for collection expansion. Homeschool Books Collection, classic children's literature. It is requested that the proposed book list, with some additions, be resubmitted. The deadline is April 15. Mr. O'Keefe will request an extension of this deadline to allow for time to retrieve additional book lists

New Business:

Welcome new Board member Pamela Szydlik

Annual Sunshine Law/Ethics/Public Record Request Board Training presented by John Brock, Town Clerk

Sean O'Keefe reviewed how the above training relates to the Library Board

Annual Children's Poetry Contest. The deadline is the end of April. Jim Steele is the judge. Tahsia is advertising. Prizes are available from Friends of the Library

Promotion of Library Programming discussion is tabled for next meeting, motion made by Tahsia and seconded by Beth

Hannah VanWagner will update the Library information on the Town website. The Library Director's report of March 2022 is noted.

Friends of the Library (FOL) reminded all that masquerade ball tickets are available

Motion made to adjourn by Pamela Szydlik, seconded by Gwendolyn McIlvaine.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Flack, interim secretary