

Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

Library Board Meeting

112 W Central Avenue

Date: May 5, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Jim Steele, chairman, at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Board members Jim Steele, Tahsia O'Keefe, Gwendolyn McIlvaine, Pamela Szydluk, Beth Flack

Tara Hall, Hannah Van Wagner, Sean O'Keefe, George Lehning, Kathy Coleman

Eight members of the public

Minutes: The minutes of April 7, 2022 were read. Motion was made to pass the minutes as written by Tahsia O'Keefe and seconded by Gwendolyn McIlvaine.

New Business:

1. Library Program

Advertised on Facebook, town website, flyers on doors, the electronic sign, events on county website. Ideas for ways to reach more patrons are welcome. Tara and Hannah are attending a webinar on using a software program that aids in this.

2. Website update.

The website is being updated by Tara and Hannah.

3. E-rate

The federal reimbursement for the public computers has increased from 80% to 90% of what is paid for internet.

4. Summer Reading Program

Hannah Van Wagner is putting this all together. The theme is "Oceans of Possibilities". It will be held the five Thursdays in June. We average 30-40 children, ages elementary-teens, every week. A list of needed items has been given to Friends of the Library.



Old Business:

1. Laptop Grant Update

The Town of Howey has been approved for 120 laptops, delivery in May or June. The county is still considering applying for this grant.

Details still need to be worked out as to how to distribute the laptops

2. Reading program

Hannah will be responsible this fully, starting in June. In the meantime, she has found readers for every week until then

3. Impact fee applications

Sean O'Keefe and Tara Hall presented information regarding the status of MBM Library applications for impact fee funds. A final presentation will be given at the Library Advisory Board meeting on May 19 at 5 pm. It is requested that members of the public be present at this meeting, to speak on behalf of the library's request for funds.

Friends of the Library

The masquerade ball is planned for June 11, 2022. Tickets remain available.

Super hero day was a success, with thirty plus people in attendance.

Public comments:

Christy Van Wagner is willing to speak on behalf of the library at the Library Advisory Board meeting. She is a Howey library patron and her children volunteer at the library.

A motion was made to adjourn by Gwendolyn McIlvaine, seconded by Pamela Szydlik.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Flack, interim secretary

