

Marianne Beck Memorial Library  
112 W. Central Avenue  
Howey-in-the-Hills, FL

**Date:** February 9, 2023

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Jim Steele, chairman, at 7:03 pm

**Attendance:** Jim Steele, Tahsia O’Keefe, Gwendolyn McIlvaine, Pamela Szydlik, Beth Flack, Tara Hall, Sheldon Lucien

December 8, 2022 Library Board Meeting Minutes approved

January 5, 2023 Library Board Meeting Minutes approved with correction

**New Business:**

Poet Laureate Children's Event discussion: no dates yet

Update on Meet the Artist: Different artists will be showcased monthly, the the “Meet the Artist” event will be held quarterly with the three previous artists. Jim Steele will contact a musician. The next event is scheduled for April 21, 2023. 6-8 pm

**Old Business:**

Update on Lake County Library Impact Fee Submission: Tara reports that George Taylor will request this be rescheduled for next year. A consulting firm is to rewrite the application form.

Update on Drone Program: no change on plans for this event. Sheldon will teach safety and control.

Sheldon is also going to teach how to use the 3D printer in the future.

AI (artificial intelligence) was discussed as a possible future educational event.

**Friends of the Library:**

Writing for a STEM grant from Duke Energy (\$5000)

FOL has a new board member

Planning the masquerade ball is proceeding

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm