

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
May 15, 2024**

Please help yourself to refreshments before the meeting begins.

- I. Call to order: 6pm
- II. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes: May 23, 2023
- III. Treasurer's Report – Nancy Vizzi
- IV. Membership Report – Jan Yardley
If you are not getting emails from the Friends, see Jan Yardley
Life Members Plaque at the entrance to the Meeting Room
- V. Director's Report – Bridgette Heintz
Summer Reading Kick-Off, Wed. July 8, 1 pm
Funding requests: \$375 raffle prizes; \$150 ice cream social
Volunteers needed at 2pm for Book Sale Room and serving ice cream
- VI. Trustee's Report – Jill Banaszak
Update: Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden
- VII. Election of Officers: Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and 3 board members; 2 yr. terms
- VIII. Next Friends Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 6 pm
- IX. 2024 Fall Book Sales: **Discard**, September 19 – 21; **Donated**, November 7 – 9
- X. Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year Award
- XI. Adjourn

Program Speaker:
MATT BINDIG, Author
Far From the Twisted Reach and Nothing Here Is Real

THANK YOU for attending! We hope to see you again soon!
We welcome you to join the Friends if you are not already a member.

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Present: Mary Cooke, Jill Banaszak, Joyce Thornton, Jan Yardley, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Phyllis Galie, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Richard Smythe, Marie Volpe

Guest: Multiple guests were present.

Call to Order: 6:00PM by Mary Cooke. Our guests were welcomed.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 2023 annual meeting were accepted with one correction. Under Reports #h, the volunteer of the year was selected for 2023 (not 2003). A motion was made by Debbie Beis and seconded by Jan Yardley to approve the corrected minutes. All were in approval.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy reported that we have \$8,441 in total income, \$6,503 in expenses, for a bank balance of \$16,821. The figures in the report reflect income/expenses from May 2023 through April 2024. A printout of the Treasurer's Report was distributed.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that we had 26 new individual/family memberships from the last book sale and 10 new memberships from March. If any members are not getting e-mails from the Friends, they should contact Jan.
- c. **Library Director Report:** Bridgette Heintz distributed printouts of the Reading Garden update. Friends were thanked for their assistance in acquiring the Little Free Library and for adding in the Bake Sale proceeds from the book sale for the Reading Garden. A request was made for \$375 for the summer reading program raffle prizes (which were shown in a handout). A motion was made by Alice Gerard and seconded by Russ Person to approve the funds. All were in approval. A request was also made to approve \$150 for the Ice Cream Social scheduled for Monday, July 8th. A motion was made by Jill and seconded by Nancy to approve the funds. All were in approval.
- d. **Trustee's Report:** Jill Banaszak added to the report given by Bridgette that a \$500 Earth Day grant from Air and Waste Management Associates has funded the Little Library. Gardening books are being donated and the Little Library is being stocked by the Friends.
- e. **Election of Officers:** A slate of officers, including Jill Banaszak for Vice-President, Joyce Thornton for Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Vizzi for Treasurer and Board Members with 2 year terms: Phyllis Gallie, Richard Smythe and Jan Yardley, was presented. A motion was made by Phyllis and seconded Adèle Upton to approve the officers. All were in approval.

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- f. **The next Friends Board meeting** will be Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 PM. **The 2024 Discard Book Sale** will be September 19-21. **The 2024 Donated Book sale** will be November 7-9.
- g. **The Friends of the Library Volunteer of the Year award** was presented posthumously Bridgette to the family of Dr. Tilak Bommaraju.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Nancy Vizzi and Seconded by Adele Upton to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. All were in approval.

Program: Our guest speaker was Matt Bindig, author of the books *Far From the Twisted Reach* and *Nothing Here is Real*. Refreshments were graciously provided by the Friends. Thanks to Matt and all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

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TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income:		
Book Sales: On-going		\$4,051
Donation		\$3,182
Miscellaneous: Memberships, Book Bags, Interest, Private Donations		<u>\$1,208</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	\$8,441
Expenses:		
Programs		\$3,400
Art Mural (Children's Department)		\$2,000
Miscellaneous: Petty Cash, Service Charges, and Postage		<u>\$1,103</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,503
	NET INCOME	\$1,938
Bank Balances:		
May 2023		\$14,883
Net Income		<u>\$ 1,938</u>
April 2024		\$16,821

** The figures in this report reflect income/expenses from May 2023 through April 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Vizzi, Treasurer

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

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- Reading Garden update:
 - Phase I installed 4/18/24. Committee will meet again tomorrow to discuss Phase II, what that will look like and next fundraisers. Thank you to the Friends for their assistance on acquiring the Little Free Library and for adding in the Bake Sale component to the Book Sales. Proceeds from the Bake Sales go toward the Reading Garden.

Unfinished Business

- April 2024 Donated Book Sale - follow up

New Business

- Summer funding request – Raffle prizes: **\$375 requested**
 - See separate handout for pictures/price breakdown. All purchases to be made through Amazon. The library will be running the summer BINGO program again. Each BINGO card turned in is an entry for that age group's raffle.
 - Baby/Toddler prize: camping set
 - Children's Prizes: 2 scooters, 2 helmets
 - Teen Prizes: Amazon gift cards - \$50 1st prize, \$25 2nd prize
 - Adult prizes: Amazon gift cards - \$50 1st prize, \$25 2nd prize
 - Ice Cream Social on Monday, 7/8/24 from 1-3pm: **\$150 requested**

Total funding request: \$525

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Heintz
Director
Grand Island Memorial Library

[Big Kid Scooter \(Amazon\)](#)



[Little Kid Helmet \(Amazon\)](#)



[Big Kid Helmet \(Amazon\)](#)



Teen Grand Prize:

\$50 Amazon Gift Card (grand prize)

\$25 Amazon gift card (runner up prize)

Total: \$75

Adult Grand Prize:

\$50 Amazon Gift Card (grand prize)

\$25 Amazon gift card (runner up prize)

Total: \$75

Total for ALL Summer Reading Raffle Prizes: \$375