

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

Tonight's meeting is being led by VP Jill Banaszak in the absence of President Mary Cooke.

The following members are in attendance: Charlotte Senulis, Nancy Vizzi, Phyllis Galie, Jill Banaszak, Russ Person, and Library Liaison Bridgette Heintz.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

The following guests were welcomed: Anna Vaccaro, Jan Yardley, and Bonnie Peete.

The minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected (motion Phyllis, second Charlotte).

Correspondence: Membership Chair Amy Boutet resigned with regret. Jan Yardley spoke with Bridgette Heintz and expressed an interest in joining the Board as Membership Chair or as a General Board Member. Mary Cooke will appoint interim replacements for these positions until the next election.

Treasurer: Nancy Vizzi reported that the Donated Book Sale held in October raised \$1,192. The Form 990 informational tax return has been filed for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019. The current balance in the Friends' bank account is approximately \$30,000.

Membership: 10-12 new memberships were purchased during the October Book Sale.

Book Sorting/Book Sale Room: Activities for both are suspended until the completion of the new carpet installation during the first week of November.

Director's Report: See Attached. Starting November 4 -November 8 the Main Reading Room Space of the Library will be closed for the installation of new carpeting and the demolition and re-installation of a new Circulation Desk. Furniture to be moved as needed. Most books will remain in place.

In conjunction with the office of Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, a Trunk or Treat event will be held in the parking lot of the Library on October 28 from 4:30-6:00 PM. Any Friends interested in volunteering for inside activities should contact Bridgette Heintz. Approximately 11 trunkers and 300 treaters are expected as well as the Bookmobile. Suggestions for next year: DJ, give books to treaters.

The rocking chairs in the Main Reading Room of the Library have been removed due to safety concerns. Children have been seen rocking excessively and at least one has tipped a chair over. The possibility of retrofitting the chairs with rocker stoppers will be investigated.

Trustee: A new liaison from the Friends to the Library Board of Trustees needs to be designated as the current liaison (Carole Joseph) has resigned with regret. Jill Banaszak will continue in this role until someone expresses interest. The next Trustee meeting is November 7 from 5:30-7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in this position, contact Jill.

Old Business:

Cloth book bags need to be reordered. A motion to increase the price to patrons from \$6 to \$8 is discussed and approved. (motion Jill, second Russ). The price of \$509 less \$23 discount for 72 bags is approved (motion Phyllis, second Charlotte).

The purchase of umbrellas including a stand and ID tags for patron use totaling \$160 was discussed and approved (motion Nancy, second Charlotte).

November Discard Book Sale will be held November 15, 10-4 and November 16, 10-3. Charlotte will be in charge of staffing volunteers. Friends will provide refreshments for the volunteers. A budget of \$300 for refreshments is discussed and approved (motion Jill, second Phyllis).

Local author Frank Maraschiello was discussed as the speaker for the Annual Friends Meeting to be held on May 7, 2020.

New Business:

An additional \$615 was discussed and approved to complete the Wish List requests for collection development (motion Jill, second Phyllis).

The following funding requests were discussed and approved as noted:

\$80 - pie pumpkins for Trunk or Treat (Nancy, Russ)

\$105 - Trunk or Treat giveaways (Jill, Charlotte)

\$30 – 30 Display easels for Library materials (Charlotte, Phyllis)

\$900 – Youth Programs – see attached requests (Jill, Charlotte)

TBD - Raffle Basket for the Growing Reader Initiative Meat Raffle March 7, 2020

On Going:

Welcome Center Book Nook – table? Further discussion required

Paper Retriever – Dumpster is being emptied regularly, no check received recently

Web Page – no update

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020 6:30 PM

Round Table : Jan Yardley agreed to become the new Membership Chair.

Meeting Adjourned : 7:55 PM (Jill, Phyllis)

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Vizzi

