

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
May 6, 2026

Please help yourself to refreshments before the meeting begins.

- I. Call to order: 6pm
- II. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes: May 7, 2025
- III. Treasurer's Report – Nancy Vizzi
Recent purchases: 12 folding tables: \$1565
Summer Reading Program Prizes: \$550
Appropriate prize for age 5 & under, 2 bikes or scooters & helmets for ages 6-12
Amazon gift cards for teens age 13-18 and adults 18 and over
- IV. Membership Report – Jan Yardley
Life Members Plaque at the entrance to the Meeting Room
- V. Director's Report – Bridgette Heintz
Summer Reading Kick-Off, **Mon. July 6**, volunteer details via email
Funding request: \$300 for ice cream/sherbet, wooden spoons & napkins
Extended book sale hours to be discussed at the September 9 Board Meeting
Additional study rooms for the library
- VI. Trustee's Report – Jill Banaszak
Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden Dedication, May 13
- VII. Election of Officers: Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and 3 board members; 2 yr. terms
- VIII. Next Friends Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6 pm
- IX. 2025 Fall Book Sales: **Discard**, September 25 & 26; **Donated**, November 5 – 7
- X. Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year Award
- XI. Adjourn

Program Speaker:
BOBBY WITHROW, Author
The Stormy Waters on the Lake

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, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Jill Banaszak, Bobby Withrow, Phyllis Galie, Joyce Thornton, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Marie Volpe, Richard Smyth

Guests: Multiple guests were present.

Call to Order: 6:03 PM by Mary Cooke.

Approval of Minutes: There were no comments or corrections to the annual meeting minutes from the May 7, 2025 meeting, which were accepted as distributed.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that we have \$11,194 in our checking account, \$2,730 in our savings account, \$10,428 in our CD, for a total of \$24,352. This includes income from book sales, membership, book bags and our basket sale. Expenses were \$3,367 for programs and \$1,565 for new tables for the book sales. A Treasurer's Report summary was distributed.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that we had 29 members signed up this year. The membership list has been updated and only one postcard was returned from our last mailing. The Lifetime Members Plaque is hanging at the entrance to the meeting room.
- c. **Director's Report:** Bridgette Heinz reported that the Summer Reading Kick Off will be Monday, July 6th. Volunteer details will be sent via e-mail. A funding request was made for \$300 for ice cream/sherbet, wooden spoons and napkins. A motion was made by Jan, seconded by Bobby, to approve the request. All were in favor.
The Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden Dedication will be held on Wednesday, May 13th with a reception to follow. A flier is available with RSVP information.
Next library improvements include new study rooms, to be financed with the Wilson Grant, and HVAC work to be funded by the NYS Library Construction Program Grant. Bridgette noted that our study rooms were used 963 times last year and our HVAC is original to our building, which was built in 1989, and has ongoing issues.
- d. **Trustee's Report:** Jill Banaszak repeated the invitation to the Reading Garden Dedication, noting that Richard Earne was a Library Trustee for over 20 years.
- e. **Election of Officers:** Mary Cooke presented a slate of officers. Our by-laws specify that our Board of Directors shall consist of six duly elected members plus the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Board members can chair committees or have special duties. The term of office of each director shall be two years. Elections this year shall include Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and 3 board members. Those nominated include Jill Banaszak (Vice-President), Joyce Thornton (Corresponding Secretary), Nancy Vizzi (Treasurer), Jan Yardley (Board Member and Membership Coordinator), Phyllis Galie (Board Member and Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator), and Richard Smyth (Board Member). Terms will expire in May, 2028. There were no nominations from the floor. Russ made a motion, seconded by Jan, for the Secretary to cast one ballot approving the entire slate. All agreed.

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New Business:

- The **next Friends Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 9 , 2026 at 6PM. At this meeting we will discuss expanding hours of future book sales.
- The **next Discard Book Sale** will be September 25 - 26. The **next Donated Book Sale** will be on November 5-7.
- We continue to look for places to donate leftover books from the book sales. Anyone with suggestions is asked to contact Bridgette.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to **Phyllis Galie**. Congratulations to Phyllis!

Adjournment: There being no **further** business, Mary Cooke adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Program Speaker:
Bobby Withrow, Author
The Stormy Waters on the Lake

Refreshments were graciously provided by the Friends. Thanks to Bobby and all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

The Nominating Committee of
the Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library
are pleased to present the following slate for the 2026
election to be held at the
Friends Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 6th
at 6:00 pm
in the meeting room at the Library, 1715 Bedell Road.

Terms to expire May 2028.

- Vice President – Jill Banaszak
- Corresponding Secretary – Joyce Thornton
- Treasurer – Nancy Vizzi
- Membership Coordinator – Jan Yardley
- Book Sale Volunteer Coordinator – Phyllis Galie
- Board Member – Richard Smyth

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Present: Mary Cooke, Joyce Thornton, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Marie Volpe, Jill Banaszak, Richard Smythe, Bobby Withrow, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Phyllis Gallie

Guests: Multiple guests were present

Call to Order: 6:10 PM by Mary Cooke.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 15, 2024 Annual Meeting were accepted as presented.

Correspondence: Mary read a note from the Grand Island Rotary Club thanking us for our donation to their meat raffle, which supports the Grand Island Growing Readers Program.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that our total income from May 2024 through April 2025 was \$8, 218. This includes income from 2 donated book sales (November 2024 and April 2025), and miscellaneous income from membership, book bags and other. Expenses were \$2,836. This includes recent purchases of 7 folding tables and Summer Reading program prizes. Our current bank balance is \$22,203. A Treasurer's Report summary was distributed.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that many new members were signed up at the last book sale. Anyone not getting e-mails from the Friends should see Jan. Updated Life Members Plaques are located at the entrance to the Meeting Room.
- c. **Director's Report:** Bridgette Heintz distributed event lists for upcoming children and adult programs. She announced that the Summer Reading Kick Off will be on Monday, July 7th, starting with a Bubble Party at 1 PM followed by crafts and an ice-cream social. Volunteers are needed to help. The End of Summer Carnival will be on Friday, August 15 from 1PM to 2:30PM. A request for \$530.56 has been made for the friends to fund the party. Nancy Vizzi made a motion, seconded by Marie Volpe, to approve the funds. All were in approval.
- d. **Trustee's Report:** Jill Banaszak reported that a chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held on Thursday, August 21st, to benefit the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. She noted that we are close to starting Phase 2 of the project and had schematics showing plans for the project. Estimated cost will be \$22,000.

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Election of Officers: Jill Banasszak presented a slate of officers, including Mary Cooke for President, Charlotte Senulis for Recording Secretary, and Russ Person, Marie Volpe and Bobby Withrow for board members, all to serve 2-year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. The secretary made a motion to cast one ballot approving the entire slate. All were in agreement. Mary thanked Lorraine Norman, a retiring Board Member, for her service to the Friends.

Next Meeting: The Next Board Meeting will be June 4th at 6PM.

Book Sales: The next Discard Book Sale will be September 26 and 27. The next Donated Book Sale will be November 6-8.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to the Cinderella Isle Garden Club.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bobby Withrow, seconded by Jan Yardley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. All were in approval.

Program: Our guest speaker was Stephen Eoannou, local author of *After Pearl*. Refreshments were graciously provided by the Friends. Thanks to Stephen and all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 5/7/2025 Annual Meeting

Director's Report

- Reading Garden Dedication: Save the date! Wed. 5/13/26 at 5pm here at the library with reception to follow. See flier for RSVP information.
- Next Library Improvements
 - Study Room Project
 - HVAC work

New Business

- Funding request: ice cream social during summer kick off - Monday, July 6th - time and final details TBD.
 - \$300 budget requested for ice cream cups/sherbet cups/wooden spoons/napkins

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Heintz

Director

Grand Island Memorial Library

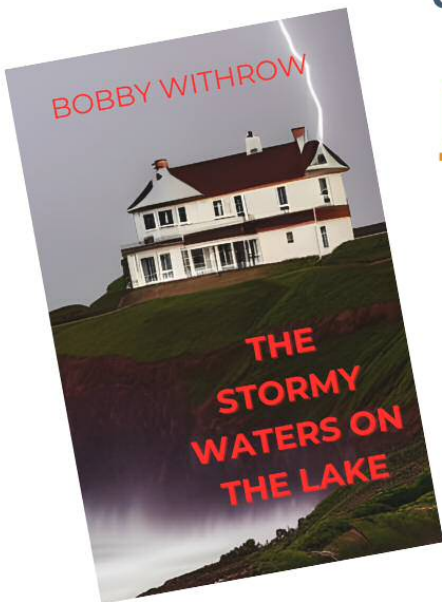
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Wednesday, May 6th @ 6:00 pm

Stay after the business meeting for a local author event with

BOBBY WITHROW

Author of the
book
The Stormy Waters on the Lake.



****Author event begins at 6:30pm****

Registration is required. Please call 716-773-7124.

Refreshments provided.

All are welcome!

You do not need to be a Friends member to attend.



Grand Island Memorial Library
1715 Bedell Rd. 716-773-7124

