

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 29, 2021**

**Present:** Mary Cooke, Jill Banaszak, Marie Volpe, Phyllis Galie, Russ Person, Jan Yardley, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

**Excused:** Liz Engl, Nancy Vizzi

**Guests:** Richard Smyth, Carol Manning

**Call to Order:** 6:00 Pm by Mary Cooke. Richard Smyth and Carol Manning were welcomed as guests. Mary recognized and thanked everyone for successfully surviving the past year.

**Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2021:** Motion by Jill, second by Russ, approved by all.

**Correspondence:** None

**Board Vacancies;** Recording Secretary and Board Member slots are still vacant. Hopefully some of our new friends will accept Board positions. The Recording Secretary will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

**Reports:**

- a. **Treasurer:** Checking account - \$4,685.11    Money market - \$13,335.98  
Donation from Amazon Smile - \$10.87    Used Book sales - app. \$900
- b. **Membership:** Jan reported that there are no new members at this time. Jan and Bridgette will be meeting to discuss membership cards. It was suggested that we send out formal invitations to all members to the annual meeting and include an RSVP card that could indicate interest in sorting, book sales, board positions, etc. All approved of the suggestion and we will plan for the invitations at our next meetings.
- c. **Book Sorting:** Going well with lots of donations. Sorters are always welcome.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** Also going well. Anyone interested can sign up on the calendar in the sorting room.

**New Business:**

- a. **2021 Book Sales:** Our Donated Book Sale will be held August 12 and 13. Set up will be 8/11. The Discard Book Sale will be October 15 and 16 with set-up on 10/14. A schedule was passed around for members to sign up for times to work Phyllis Galie will follow up with friends who have worked in the past to fill in all the vacancies.
- b. **Rocking Chairs:** These can no longer be used in the library because of safety concerns. Members are asked to think of options for selling/raffling/etc the chairs, which the Friends donated at a cost of \$700.

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- c. **Volunteer sign in:** A daily sign in log will be initiated for volunteers working in the book store and sorting. It will be kept at the front desk.

### **Director's Report:**

- a. Masks are no longer required for patrons who are fully vaccinated. We also no longer required to quarantine books.
- b. Bridgette reviewed the ongoing/outreach/collaborative plans for July and August.
- c. Funds from the BECPL Equipment and Facility Improvement Initiative and 2020 Tower donation have enabled up to purchase a tent for outside programs and for painting the sorting room ceiling after the August book sale.
- d. If you have not already done so, please introduce yourself to our new Youth Services Librarian, Carly Spater, and our 3 new pages, Carol Manning, Ethan Klie and Ava Todaro.
- e. An ice cream social will be held on Friday, August 13 from 1PM to 3PM to celebrate the end of the summer reading program. A motion was made by Jill and seconded by Marie for the Friends to donate no more than \$250.00 to purchase ice cream for the event. All were in approval.

**Library Trustee Report:** Jill reported that the Trustee bylaws have been updated. A special meeting will be held in July for the Trustees to approve our library contract.

**Old Business:** Annual Meeting - **This will be held in May, 2022**

### **Ongoing Business:**

- a. Book Club- Jill reported that all is going well, what books have recently been read and what future ones are planned.
- b. Growing Readers Initiative is ongoing.
- c. Friends Facebook/Webpage – Mary will follow up regarding our current information on Isle de Grande.
- d. The Royal Oak Paper Retriever is no longer a source of income but provides a convenient way to recycle donations we cannot use for resale.

**Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6 PM**

There being no need for roundtable discussion, a motion was made by Jan and seconded by Marie to **adjourn at 7:55 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Charlotte Senulis**