FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
May 19, 2022

I. Call to order
II. Welcome back after 3 years!
III. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2019

IV. Recognition of Service to the Friends Board
V. Treasurer’s Report
VI. Membership Report - Life Members Plaque at the entrance to the Meeting Room

VII. Election of Officers:
2-year term for each: Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Board Members
Report of the Nominating Committee
Nominations from the floor
Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Members are eligible to vote

VIII. Volunteer Procedure and Contact Form
IX. Director’s Report – Bridgette Heintz
X. Trustee’s Report – Jill Banaszak: 5-year plan
XI. Book Sale Room – Charlotte Senulis

XII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 6:00 pm, Library Meeting Room
XIII. Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year Award
XIV. Adjourn
XV. Program

CURT NESTARK
President, Grand Island Historical Society
“Grand Island’s Historic Bedell House”
Including artifacts from the Society’s Collection & Curt’s Personal Collection
The Bedell House Lithograph, owned by the GI Historical Society, is on permanent display in the
Grand Island Memorial Library

Refreshments graciously provided by Friends Members
THANK YOU for attending! We hope to see you again soon!

Please consider joining the Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library!
FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2022

Board Members Present: Mary Cooke, Phyllis Galie, Russ Person, Nancy Vizzi, Jill Banaszak, Carol Manning, Richard Smythe, Jan Yardley, Joyce Thornton, Charlotte Senulis

Library Director: Bridgette Heintz

Guests: Multiple guests were present.

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Mary Cooke. Welcome back to all present after a lapse of 3 years due to the pandemic. Mary read from the Friends of the Library constitution the purpose of the Friends of the Grand Island Library. Jill briefly discussed the recent Association of Contract Libraries (ACT) meeting, the new Library Director for the Buffalo and Erie County Library system and the history and activities of the Grand Island Library.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 2019 Annual meeting are unavailable.

Recognition of Service: Liz Engl was recognized for her 10 years of service as Corresponding Secretary on the Board. Unfortunately, she will no longer be able to participate.

Reports:

a. Treasurer: Nancy reported our checking account balance is $4,188. We have $13,340 in savings. Total income from book sales, amazon smile and membership/donations was $7,896. Expenses for vertical blinds, chair/stools, benches, and programs totaled $22,312

b. Membership: Jan reported we now have 2 plaques listing our lifetime members. They will hang in the entry way to the meeting room as soon as the engraving is complete. In 1994 we only had 54 lifetime members. Our current number is 158 (individual and family). Jan asked that we form a committee to review and update our membership list. Bridgette and Nancy will assist.

c. Election of officers: Jill Banaszak (Vice-President), Nancy Vizzi (Treasurer), and Board Members Phyllis, Galie, Richard Smyth, and Jan Yardley have agreed to accept nominations for additional 2-year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made for the Secretary to cast one vote for the entire slate. All were in accord.

d. Volunteer Procedure and Contact form: Mary discussed the need to have contact information on each volunteer and reviewed the procedure for volunteering. A copy of the procedure has been distributed. Jill made a motion to approve the procedure. Carol seconded it. All were in favor.
e. **Director’s Report:** Bridgette handed out a summary of upcoming summer events, Friend’s funded building updates, building improvements and the winner of the March basket raffle drawing (Lorraine Norman). Book sale dates were announced: Donated Book Sale – September 15, 16, 17 and Discard Book Sale – October 20, 21 22. A handout of ongoing and outreach programs was also distributed.

f. **Trustee’s Report (presented as an addendum at the end of the meeting)** Jill reported the Trustees are working on the library 5-year plan. A survey will be distributed in the summer, and all are asked to participate.

g. **Book Sale Room:** Donations continue to be accepted for the donated book sale room. Hours that the room is open have been changed to provide more flexibility for those wishing to look over the collection. If the room isn’t open, any of the library staff can open it.

h. The next meeting of the Friends will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2002 at 6PM in the Library Meeting Room.

i. Mary announced that Marsha Mis has been selected as the 2022 Grand Island Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Marsha.

**Program:** Curt Nestark, President of the Grand Island Historical Society, presented a program about Grand Island’s Historic Bedell House, including artifacts from the Society’s Collection and Curt’s personal collection. Refreshments were graciously provided by Friends members.

Thanks to all who attended the program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Senulis
Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Annual Meeting  
May 19th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm  
Library Meeting Room

Director’s Report

- Summer Events - see separate hand out
  - Summer Reading Raffle prizes funded by the Friends:
    - 3 and under: inflatable ball pit
    - Preschool/School age: 16” and 20” bikes
    - Teens: gift cards
    - Adults: gift cards
    - The idea is to have summer reading bingo cards for each age group. As they finish a line and get “BINGO” they submit the card for the raffle. They can submit as many times as they like.

- Friends funded building updates:
  - Benches: have been installed on the north side of the building on 3/21/22. Thank you Friends!
  - New desks for staff: Friends funded. Desks were installed at the end of April. Thank you Friends!
    - Total: $6,042 includes installation fee
    - We got a 60% discount on the pricing

- Building Improvements – 2022 project goals (for now – more to come as needs are assessed):
  - Phone system and Public restroom partitions

- 2022 Book Sale dates:
  - Donated Book Sale: Sept. 15, 16, 17
  - Discard Book Sale: Oct. 20, 21, 22

- Basket Raffle drawing from March. Included books and a Barnes and Noble gift card. Goal was to get more members and encourage members to update their information.
  - 26 entries, Lorraine Norman was the winner. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgette Heintz
Director
Grand Island Memorial Library