

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MEETING AGENDA - March 26, 2025, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: January 21, 2025
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Nancy Vizzi
 - b. Membership - Jan Yardley
 - c. Book Sorting - Russ Person
 - d. Book Sale Room - Charlotte Senulis
6. Library Trustee Report - Jill Banaszak
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
8. New Business
 1. Request from Bridgette to purchase 7 tables, aprox. total of \$450
 2. Summer Reading Program funding request
 3. Donated Book Sale April 23 - 26 **Volunteer(s) needed to call workers**

Bake Sale Set-up and Pricing: Jan & Nancy DELIVER BAKED GOODS by NOON on Thursday
Wednesday, April 23, Set-Up Chair: Russ

Thursday, April 24, Friends Only Chair: Mary Membership Table: Jan

Friday, April 25, Single Item Sale Chair: Charlotte

Saturday, April 26, Bag Sale Chair: Jill Clean-Up Chair: Marie

4. Reminder: Discard Book Sale: Sept. 26 & 27; Fall Donated Sale: Nov. 6 - 8

5. Annual Meeting: May 7, 6PM

Nominating Committee needed (max. 3 people) terms expiring: Pres, Rec Sec, 3 Board Members

Volunteer of the Year Committee needed - appointed by the Board

Program at 6:30: Stephen Eoannou, author of *After Pearl*

Honorarium?

Refreshments

Set-up

Clean-up

9. Ongoing Business

a. Book Club

Beverages/Paper supplies

b. Growing Reader Initiative

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

c. B&EC Public Library Friends Council

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 19-25, 2025

d. Social Media

e. Paper Retriever

10. Next meeting date

11. Roundtable

12. Adjourn

**FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 25, 2025**

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

Excused: Phyllis Galie, Lorraine Norman, Richard Smythe

Guest: Bobby Withrow

Call to Order: 6:00PM by Mary Cooke.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting were accepted as presented.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy reported that we have \$7,471.17 in our checking account and 2,729.51 in our savings account. Our CD is \$10, 209.31. Balance as of 3/25/25 is \$20,409.99.
- b. **Membership:** Jan reported that she has developed 2 new forms. Names of deceased members and members who have moved will be deleted on the membership list.
- c. **Book Sorting Review:** Russ reported that there are not as many books as we have had previously for the Donated Book Sale.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** Charlotte reported that increased usage of the community room has limited the hours that the Book Sale Room can be open.

Library Trustee Report:

On Saturday, March 22nd, Jill, Russ and Bridgette attended the Association of Contract (ACT) meeting at the downtown Central Library. They heard Jon Spears (Director of B&ECPL) express his concerns about the potential impact of federal budget and program cuts on libraries. While there won't likely be any immediate impact on B&ECPL as we are not federally funded, some small libraries in NY may have their budgets cut. Federal budget and program cuts may result in staffing cuts at the NYS Library which administers construction and operational library grants. Indications are reduced support for public libraries.

At the ACT meeting, trustees were introduced to a new B&ECPL logo that will appear on library cards, website, documents and billboards. The emphasis is on PUBLIC, indicating that the libraries are an integral part of their communities.

Library Director Report:

- a. Acoustic ceiling panels have been ordered for the children's area and another layout adjustment is in progress.
- b. A new copier is on order and the cost will be assumed by Central.
- c. We are looking into purchasing a public fax machine, since none is available on Grand Island.
- d. The Library of Things will be adding 2 basketballs and a soccer ball, with updated marketing planned.
- e. The next project will be adding 2 more study rooms. Carly and Bridgette will be developing a study-room policy.
- f. The heat has been fixed in the sorting room.
- g. Funding requests:
 - \$500 for summer reading raffle prizes. Motion by Marie, 2nd by Nancy, all in agreement.
 - \$150 for 7 folding tables for book sales. Motion by Jill, 2nd by Jan, all in agreement.
 - \$300 for ice cream social supplies for the 7/7/25 summer kick off. Motion by Nancy, 2nd by Joyce, all in agreement.
- h. The summer kick off will include an outdoor bubble party, indoor craft stations and an indoor ice cream social. Volunteers will be requested as we get closer to the event.
- i. A list of library events for January through May 2025 was distributed.

Unfinished Business:

The next Donated Book Sale will be April 23-26. Jan and Nancy will price the baked goods, which should be brought to the library by noon on Thursday.

- a. Russ will chair set-up on Wednesday, April 23.
- b. Mary will chair the Friends only sale on Thursday, April 24. (5 PM to 8 PM). Jan will staff the membership table.
- c. Jill will chair the general public sale on Friday morning, April 25 (10 AM to 1PM) and Charlotte will chair the afternoon (1 PM to 5 PM).
- d. Joyce will chair the Bag sale on April 26. (10 AM to 3 PM)
- e. Marie will chair clean up.

The next Discard Sale will be September 25 (set up), September 26 and 27.

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Ongoing Business:

- a. Russ noted that The Book Club continues to go well.
- b. The meat raffle for the Growing Readers Initiative went well. The initiative continues through Tonawanda Peds and is partnering with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Mary will report on future activity.
- c. National Friends of Libraries Week is October 19-25, 2025.
- d. Media: Bridgette continues to post information about library activities on Facebook and Dispatch/Sentinel/News coverage of our activities has been very positive.
- e. The Paper Retriever continues to be a valuable resource.

Nominating Committee:

Jill will chair the Nominating Committee. Open positions are President, Recording Secretary and 3 Board positions. Mary and Charlotte agreed to continue in their positions unless other candidates emerge. Jill will query the 3 board members in open seats as to their continued interest.

Next Meetings: Tuesday, May 7, 2025 - Annual Meeting – 6:30. Our speaker will be local author Stephen Eoannou. Nancy will compile a gift bag for the speaker. Friends members are asked to contribute baked goods for the program.

Next Board Meeting will be June 6th at 6PM.

Roundtable:

- Nancy will put out a request for book donations for our next sale.
- Volunteer of the year nomination forms were distributed.
- The Garden Committee will meet tomorrow after the Trustees meeting. They will discuss another Chicken Barbecue.
- Mary will make the calls for volunteers for the Donated Book Sale.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Russ made a motion, seconded by Jill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 1/21/25 meeting

Correspondence

Director's Report

- Library Improvements:
 - Children's area
 - acoustic ceiling panels and another layout adjustment
 - Copier
 - Public Fax machine
 - Library of Things updates
 - 2 basketballs and a soccer ball will be added soon with updated marketing
 - Next project: more study rooms
- Heat fixed in the sorting room 2/18/25

New Business

- Funding request:
 - Summer raffle prizes: **\$500 budget requested** – see separate handout
 - Folding tables: **\$400 budget requested** for 7 folding tables for the book sales
 - Save the date: Ice Cream Social during summer kick off on Monday 7/7/25, Time TBD
 - Festivities will include outdoor bubble party/indoor craft stations/indoor ice cream social. Volunteers will be requested as we get closer to the event.
 - **\$300 budget requested** for ice cream cups/sherbet cups/wooden spoons/napkins

Unfinished Business

- April Donated Book Sale – final planning
- Annual meeting – final planning

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Heintz

Director

Grand Island Memorial Library

Summer Reading Raffle Prizes 2025

Baby/Toddler Grand Prize:

[Step2 All Around Easel \(Amazon\)](#)



Total: \$50

Children's Grand Prize:

[16" Bike \(Amazon\)](#)



Total: \$120

[20" Bike \(Walmart\)](#)

LEFT SIDE



RIGHT SIDE



Total: \$118

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



Total: \$21

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



Total: \$27

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: \$500

**(Budget – goal is to purchase items ASAP in anticipation of
any prices going up)**