

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

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2025

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

Excused: Marie Volpe, Phyllis Galie, Jill Banaszak, Lorraine Norman, Richard Smythe

Guest: Bobby Withrow

Call to Order: 6:05PM by Mary Cooke. Mary welcomed Bobby Withrow to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 29, 2024 meeting were accepted as written.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy reported that we have \$7,436.42 in our checking account and 2,729.47 in our savings account. Our CD is \$10, 209.03. Balance as of 1/21/25 is \$20,314.92.
- b. **Membership:** Jan reported that hand stamps used at the last book sale to identify members worked well.
- c. **Book Sorting and Book Sale Review:** Russ and Charlotte reported that all is going smoothly. Charlotte noted that the conscientious, ongoing sorting makes it much easier to restock the book sale shelves and thanked Russ for his efforts. Russ noted that the sorting room is very cold. Bridgette will talk to Don and town representatives about warming the room.

Library Trustee Report:

Russ reported that all the trustees have been re-appointed for 2025. He noted that NYS Library minimum standards require libraries to review each policy every 5 years. We have 12 due for review this year, which the board is currently doing.

Library Director Report:

- a. Bridgette distributed a summary report of activity planned for January through May, 2025. More is expected to be added. It was noted that a local author, Stephen Eoannou, will be presenting a program on Wednesday, 5/7/25. A suggestion was made to hold the annual meeting on that evening since he will be available as our speaker for the meeting. All were in agreement.
- b. The Children's area project is ongoing. The walls, self-checkout station, shifting of collection and new shelving unit are done. Next will be cloud shaped acoustic ceiling panels.

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- c. The water fountain in the hallway has been replaced and includes a bottle filling component.
- d. A new charging station that can accommodate up to 8 devices has been installed. We have also purchased cordless charging stations that clamp onto the tables for patrons studying out on the floor. The funding source for these improvements was Tower Funding.
- e. A horror section has been added to the Adult Fiction section, located at the end of the Fantasy section.
- f. Bridgette is looking into getting a new copier, possibly with fax capabilities.
- g. The Library of Things now has a metal detector, and four pairs of snowshoes will be added soon. Through a partnership with the BECPL, Buffalo Museum of Science passes are now available for circulation.
- h. Bridgette requested \$200 for a magnetic active play center. A motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy to approve the funding. All were in approval.

New Business:

The Donated Book Sale in November went well. Everyone agreed that we should keep the extra day for future sales, and it was also agreed to continue bake sales along with the book sale, with proceeds from the bake sale going to the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. 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. Phyllis will chair the Friends only sale on Thursday, April 24. (5 PM to 8 PM)
- c. Charlotte will chair the general public sale on Friday, April 25. (10 AM to 5 PM)
- d. Jill 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.

Ongoing Business:

- a. Russ noted that The Book Club is going well and that there has been an increase in attendance.
- b. The Growing Readers Initiative has had no further activity while search continues for a new pediatrician. Mary will report on future activity.

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Ongoing Business (continued)

- c. Mary and Bridgette have been doing zoom meetings with the B&EC Library Friends Council.
- d. Media: Bridgette continues to give information about library activities to the Sentinel. Coverage of our activities has been very positive.
- e. The Paper Retriever continues to be a valuable resource.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Roundtable: Nothing to report.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Russ made a motion, seconded by Nancy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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)**