

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
May 7, 2025

Please help yourself to refreshments before the meeting begins.

- I. Call to order: 6pm
- II. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2024
- III. Treasurer's Report – Nancy Vizzi
Recent purchases: 7 folding tables: \$374
Summer Reading Program Prizes: \$491 includes art easel for age 5 & under, 2 bikes & helmets for ages 6-12, Amazon gift cards for teens age 13-18 and adults 18 and over
- IV. Membership Report – Jan Yardley
If you are not getting emails from the Friends, see Jan Yardley
Life Members Plaque at the entrance to the Meeting Room
- V. Director's Report – Bridgette Heintz
Summer Reading Kick-Off, **Mon. July 7** Bubble Party starts at 1pm
Volunteers needed at 2pm for Book Sale Room (1), Serving ice cream (4) and Assisting with crafts (4) Sign-up sheet on the clipboard at the entrance
- VI. Trustee's Report – Jill Banaszak
Update: Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden, Chicken BBQ fundraiser Aug. 21
- VII. Election of Officers: President, Recording Secretary and 3 board members; 2 yr. terms
- VIII. Next Friends Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 6 pm
- IX. 2025 Fall Book Sales: **Discard**, September 26 & 27; **Donated**, November 6 – 8
- X. Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year Award
- XI. Adjourn

Program Speaker:
STEPHEN EOANNOU, Author
After Pearl

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, 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