

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MEETING AGENDA - June 4, 2025, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: March 26, 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. Funding requests: \$300 Teen Summer Program
 \$65 volunteer badge holders & tabletop sign holders
 2. Summer Reading Program volunteers
 Kickoff: July 7
 End of Summer Carnival: August 15
 3. Chicken BBQ fundraiser: August 21
 4. Canvas bags
 5. National Friends of Libraries Week: October 19-25, 2025
 6. Reminder: Discard Book Sale: Sept. 26 & 27; Fall Donated Sale: Nov. 6 - 8
9. Ongoing Business
 - a. Book Club
 - b. Growing Reader Initiative
 - c. B&EC Public Library Friends Council
 - d. Social Media
 - e. Paper Retriever
10. Next meeting date
11. Roundtable
12. Adjourn

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 4, 2025

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

Excused: Phyllis Galie, Bobby Withrow

Guests: none

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 25, 2025 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: Mary received a note from the Grand Island Garden Club thanking us for their Volunteers of the Year Award. She also received a communication from a group called NAEIR regarding provision of office supplies to the Friends. After discussion, it was agreed that we have no need for their services.

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that we have \$8,838 in our checking account, \$2,730 in our money market account, \$10,210 in our CD, for a balance of \$21,778.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley is trying to complete the lifetime membership list. The current list was passed around for members to review.
- c. **Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that we are again accepting donations. Bridgette reminded the sorting group that volunteers who are not feeling well on their scheduled day/time should defer participation until they feel better.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** All leftover books from the last sale have been retrieved by Sustainable Books. The Book Sale Room remains accessible to the public whenever the community room is not in use by asking for it to be opened by a staff member.
- e. **Library Trustee Report:** Bridgette and Jill attended a meeting of the Association of Contract Library Trustees at the Clarence Library. A program was presented by Monica Mooney on programs presented there, including ones on literacy and decoding.
- f. **Library Director Report:** Bridgette reported that the improvements to the children's area are complete. The acoustic ceiling panels were installed last month. Money market funds were used for this project. She also reported that the new copier and public fax machine are up and running and being used by the community.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bridgette requested \$300 for the summer teen program (Treat Your Shelf) that will be replacing Battle of the Books and \$65 for book sale supplies (50 pin badge holders and two sets of 12 tabletop sign holders for the book sale signs). A motion was made by Jill, seconded by Jan, to approve this funding. All were in approval. It was noted that the final Battle of the Books program was won by Grand Island.
2. Bridgette is coordinating volunteers for the July 7th Summer Reading Program kick off.
3. The chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held on Thursday, August 21st, to benefit the Richard Earne Memorial Reading Garden. Volunteers should be at the library by 3:30 pm. Presale tickets will be available starting August 1st. Cost will be \$16.00.
4. Our supply of canvas bags is dwindling. Everyone agreed that we would like to continue selling them. Current cost is \$8.00 each. Mary will check with Popular Graphics as a new vendor for the bags.
5. National Friends of the Library Week is October 19-25, 2025. Members are asked to consider any activity we would like to celebrate the week.
6. A reminder that the next discard book sale is Sept. 26 and 27 and the fall donated sale is Nov. 6-8.

Ongoing Business:

1. Book Club continues to grow. Getting enough copies of the books has become a concern and e-book use is being considered.
2. The Growing Readers Initiative is ongoing.
3. B&EC Public Library Friends Council is ongoing.
4. Social Media continues through Bridgette.
5. We continue to use the paper retriever.

Next Meeting: The Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 6PM.

Roundtable: Operation book support was discussed and it was agreed that we would not follow up since there is minimal information on how it would benefit us.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made by Russ and seconded by Marie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. All were in approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis