

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

**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