

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

MEETING AGENDA - October 15, 2025, 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: September 3, 2025
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Nancy Vizzi
 - b. Membership - Jan Yardley
 - c. Book Sorting - Russ Person
Art Teachers will stop by on Wed. Nov. 5 at 4pm
 - d. Book Sale Room - Charlotte Senulis
6. Library Trustee Report - Jill Banaszak
Basket Raffle update; raffle runs Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Saturday, Nov. 8
Donation thank yous
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
Funding requests: Youth programs
Adult programs
8. New Business
 - a. Discard Book Sale Follow-up, Sept. 26 & 27
 - b. Donated Book Sale: Nov. 6 - 8
Call volunteers:
Wednesday, Nov. 5, Set-Up Chair:
Bake Sale Set-up and Pricing: Deliver baked goods by ____ on Thursday
Thursday, Nov. 6, 5 - 8pm Chair:
Friday, Nov. 7, 10 am - 1:30pm Chair:
1:30 - 5pm Chair:
Saturday, Nov. 8, 10am - 12:30pm Chair:
12:30 - 3pm Chair:
Clean-Up Chair:
 - c. Price for cloth book bags
9. Reminder: 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 October 15, 2025**

Present: Mary Cooke, Nancy Vizzi, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Jill Banaszak, Richard Smythe, Bobby Withrow, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Joyce Thornton, Phyllis Galie

Guests: none

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Mary Cooke. Jill and Bobby were thanked for the 26 baskets that they prepared for the upcoming basket sale. Included were gift cards from Andersons, Soma Cura, Tops and Orange Poppy. Joyce Thornton wrote thank you notes to them all.

Approval of Minutes: There were no comments or corrections to the minutes from the September 3, 2025 meeting, which were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: none

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that our account has remained the same since her last report. Profits from the discard book sale were \$730.75, which goes to the Buffalo and Erie County Library. Profits from the bake sale were \$284, which will go to the Reading Garden.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that the membership list has been completely updated. It was suggested that the membership form be revised to emphasize e-mail addresses. Other suggestions were made. Jan will revise the form accordingly and e-mail it to the Board for review.
- c. **Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that the art instruction books we received as donations have been offered to area art teachers. One will stop by on Wednesday, November 5th to see if they can be used.
- d. **Book Sale Room:** The Book Sale Room will be open during Trunk or Treat.
- e. **Library Trustee Report:** The basket raffle will be run from Tuesday, October 14 through Saturday, November 8. Bobby Withrow volunteered to sit at the basket table during Trunk or Treat to sell raffle tickets. All volunteers for Trunk or Treat are asked to park in the narrow lot across Veterans Park Drive so that the library parking lot is available for the library activities. Jill will represent the Friends of the Library at the event and requested \$69.98 as reimbursement for candy she purchased. A motion was made by Russ and seconded by Nancy to do so and all were in favor.

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f. Library Director Report:

- Bridgette requested \$800 for Fall/Winter Youth Services. A handout of programs and supplies was distributed. A motion was made by Bobby, seconded by Marie, to approve this funding. All were in approval. A request was made for \$600 for Fall/Winter adult programming, which will include an adult craft night for Fall DIY doormats and booking the Bead Gallery. Jill made a motion to fund the request, seconded by Jan. All were in approval.
- We will be soliciting donations for teen game nights in the new year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Donated Book Sale is scheduled for November 6-8. We have a large number of books for the sale. Set-up will be Wednesday, November 5th. Russ and Bobby will chair. Nancy and Jan will coordinate the Bake Sale. Baked goods should be delivered by NOON on Thursday, November 6th. Jill will chair on Thursday, November 6th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Mary will chair on Friday, November 7th from 10am to 1:30pm. Charlotte will chair on Friday from 1:30 pm to 5 pm and on Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Marie will chair from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Russ will chair clean-up. Sustainable Books will pick up all the boxed leftovers. The family of Dr. Bommaraju has again generously offered to provide food for set up. Bridgette will provide food during the sale for the volunteers.
2. The need for more table space at our book sales was discussed. One suggestion is to have pop-up book sales periodically. This will be discussed further after the donated book sale.
3. Our supply of canvas bags is gone. Everyone agreed that we would like to continue selling them at a cost of \$10-15. Cost to us will be \$8.58. 72 navy bags have been ordered and will be available by the book sale dates. Thanks to Mary for coordinating the project.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. The Book Club committee is currently selecting next year's books
2. Growing Readers Initiative. – no report
3. B&EC Public Library Friends Council - no report.
4. Social media continues through Bridgette.
5. We continue to use the paper retriever.

Next Meeting: The Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6PM.

Roundtable: The popularity of our speakers' programs was discussed. These programs are usually provided by the speakers for no charge.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made by Marie and seconded by Jill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. All were in approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis

Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Library Meeting Room

Director's Report

Minutes

- 9/3/25 meeting

Director's Report

- Winter program funding requests
 - Youth Services Late Fall/Winter request – see separate handout for breakdown
 - Total request: \$800.00
 - Adult Program:
 - \$307: Adult Craft Night – Fall DIY Doormats on 10/29/25
 - \$280: budget to book The Bead Gallery for a winter themed adult craft night (date TBD)
 - Total request: \$587.00

New Business

- September Discard Sale Follow-up
- November Donated Book Sale final prep
 - Basket Raffle Ticket Sales to be added to cash out table

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgette Heintz

Director

Grand Island Memorial Library

Youth Services Late Fall 2025 - Winter 2026 Programs & Supplies Funding Request

Presented to the Friends of GIML at their 10/15/2025 meeting

Performers/Special Programs

Family Storytime

Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 am

New storytime! Join us for a mixed-age storytime (ages 0 to 5) with books, music, movement, and crafts.

Program total: \$100 (Misc. crafting supplies for the different ages)

Noon Years Eve Glow Party

Wednesday, December 31 at 11:30 am

A new take on our popular Glow Party - celebrating New Years Eve!

Program total: \$150 (for glow sticks and NYE decor/props)

Sprouts with Ms. Melissa

Tuesday, January 20 and Tuesday, March 10 at 10 am

Miss Melissa helps little ones grow and learn through music.

Program total: \$400 (for both sessions)

Performers/Special Programs total: \$650

Extra budget for incidentals: \$150

**Youth Services Late Fall 2025 - Winter 2026 Program funding
request total: \$800**