

GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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READING GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH @ 4:00 PM

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Topics of Discussion
 - a. Landscaping bids for Phase II – review and discussion
 - b. 2025 Chicken BBQ – discussion
- III. Next meeting date – TBD

Adjournment

****Please RSVP Bridgette Heintz, 773-7124 or heintzb@buffalolib.org if you can NOT make the meeting or if you have an agenda item to include.**

Reading Garden Committee Meeting 4/9/25 – Bridgette's Notes

- The meeting was held in the GI Library meeting room and began at 4:11pm
- Present were Director Heintz, Trustees Banaszak, Person, Rizzuto and Becker, Sherry Miller representing the Grand Island Rotary Club and Peg Koppmann representing the Cinderella Isle Garden Club. Absent was Trustee Crawford.
- **Landscaping Quotes:** Peggy reported on three vendor quotes received
 - **Lavocat's Family Greenhouse and Nursery:** \$29,125 for pavers, half wall and garden bed expansion (no plants included) and labor
 - **Dore Landscaping Associates, Inc.:** \$22,540 for pavers, boulders (in lieu of half wall), garden bed expansion, plants and labor
 - **Lincoln Park Nursery:** \$28,963 for multi-colored flagstone, boulders (in lieu of half wall), garden bed expansion, plants and labor

The committee voted unanimously to work with Dore. Peggy will reach out to inform them.

- **Chicken BBQ: Thursday, August 21st 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

- **Peggy:** from her email to me dated 4/1/25

Just got off the phone with Carly of BW's BBQ. We're booked for Thursday, August 21 with the sale hours of 4:30 - 6:30 pm. They can be ready by 4:15 to accommodate early birds.

-I ordered 350 dinners with 50 extra. Those numbers can change any time until 2 days before.

-The cost is \$8.50/dinner if we sell all 400 and \$8.75/dinner if we don't sell the ordered number.

-Dinner will include 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll & butter.

- Utensil/napkins packets are \$.40 each.

I asked if she knew what other groups might be charging and she said it varies, but that they sold the same meal for \$16 each at their business. I'll work up a cost chart and send it along.

- **Sherry:** from her email dated 4/1/25

I contacted Natalie Grunzweig, town sports, who confirmed soccer will go through August and there maybe more. Regular baseball will be done but there may be other sports in August. She can let us know in June once the schedule is filled out. Also, once we have a flyer she is willing to post on their website to generate presales.

Natalie also recommended we post a few fliers at the Snack Shack.

- **Pat:** she checked with the VFW and St. Martin's in the Fields. Neither of their BBQ's will conflict with ours.

Other notes

- Recommendation made to purchase pre-packaged utensil sets from Gordon's in Kenmore as it would be cheaper
<https://www.gordonrestaurantmarket.com/departments/Disposables/Cutlery/>
- The group discussed prices for the bbq this year and determined \$16/ticket and to start selling on August 1st.
- Peggy said she would research metal archways for the garden entrance

The meeting ended at 4:54 pm

Next meeting date to be determined. I will reach out to the group when there is more actionable information regarding the final landscaping quote. The goal is to have landscaping funding approved by the library board at the 5/9/25 meeting. The funding source would be Money Market funds. It may make sense to invite Sherry and Peggy to that meeting for final discussion before a funding vote in lieu of a separate committee meeting before that time.