

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MEETING AGENDA – October 10, 2026, 3:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Guests; Recognition/Thanks
3. Approve Minutes: September 9, 2026
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; Jill is excused – see her email re: extended book sale
7. Library Director Report - Bridgette Heintz
 - o Trunk or Treat
 - o MOU
 - o Sales Tax
 - o Basket Raffle
8. New Business
 - a. Hours for “Friends Only” at the donated book sale: decision will determine the chairs needed

b. Donated Book Sale Chairpeople

Schedule volunteers

Price & setup baked goods

Deliver baked goods by _____(time) on Wednesday, 11/4

Wednesday, 11/4/26 Setup, 4 pm until finished

Thursday, 11/5:

Friday, 11/6: 10 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 – 2:30 pm

2:30 – 5 pm

Saturday 11/7, Bag Sale: 10 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 – 3 pm

3pm until boxing leftovers is finished

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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Present: Mary Cooke, Russell Person, Jan Yardley, Nancy Vizzi, Bobby Withrow, Phyllis Galie, Joyce Thornton, Richard Smythe, Charlotte Senulis, Bridgette Heintz

Excused: Marie Volpe, Jill Banaszak

Guests: None

Call to Order: 3:05 PM by Mary Cooke. Mary thanked all the Friends who have been participating in our recent activities.

Approval of Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes from the 9/9/26 meeting, which were accepted as distributed.

Correspondence: None

Reports:

- a. **Treasurer:** Nancy Vizzi reported that as of 10/10/26 we have \$12,779.13 in our checking account, \$2,729.89 in our savings account, \$10,443.24 in our CD, for a total of \$25,952.26.
- b. **Membership:** Jan Yardley reported that she continues to keep the membership list updated
- c. **Director's Report:** Bridgette Heinz reported:
 - "Halloween in the Library" will be replacing Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 17th. A flyer outlining the featured activities was distributed. Richard and Mary Smythe will work at the basket raffle table. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Thanks go to Bobby and Jill who put the baskets together and to all who contributed items for the baskets. It was agreed that vendors will be contacted in January, 2027 for contributions to next year's event.
 - The new outdoor sign will cost \$2767. We have previously approved \$2800 for the sign so no additional money is needed. Bridgette will order the sign next week.
 - Chairs for the study rooms will be funded through the Wilson Foundation grant. Because of vendor changes for the climate control units, Bridgette has been able to reallocate funding so that no additional money is needed for the chairs.
 - A Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Operation Procedure regarding the administration, sale and tax compliance of donated books has been distributed. It was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting. Going forward, Nancy will include reports on income from the book store and book shelves.
- d. **Book Sorting:** Russ Person reported that we again have many boxes of books for the upcoming sale.
- e. **Book Sale Room:** Book sales are going well.

New Business: Discard Book Sale

- Phyllis will schedule volunteers for the sale.
- Jan and Nancy will price and set up the baked goods, which should be delivered to the library by 2PM on Wednesday, 11/4/26. Jan will chair the bake sale.
- Set-up will be Wednesday, 11/4/26 from 4PM until finished. Russ will chair.
- Thursday, 11/5/26: 10am – 12 pm Jill will chair; 12 – 3pm Joyce will chair; 3 – 8pm Charlotte will chair.
- Friday, 11/6/26: 10 am – 12:30 pm Bobby will chair; 12:30 – 2:30 pm Mary will chair; 2:30 – 5pm Joyce will chair.
- Saturday bag sale: 10am – 12:30pm Joyce will chair; 12:30 – 3 pm Mary will chair; 3pm until boxing leftovers is finished, Russ will chair.

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Ongoing Business:

- a. **Book Club** will meet for title selection on Saturday, 11/14/26 at 10 AM. All book club members are invited.
- b. **The Growing Reader Initiative** continues through Tonawanda Peds. Bridgette has provided them with pencils to include in their participant's bags.
- c. **B&EC Public Library Friends Council** – we will submit GIML information for Library Week (10/18 - 10/24).
- d. **Social Media** – nothing new.
- e. The **Paper Retriever** continues to be an asset for disposing of discarded paper and books.

Roundtable: Bobby noted that an e-waste disposal will be held on 11/7/26 at Town Hall.

The next Friends Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27th at 6 PM.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy. Mary Cooke adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Senulis