**Germantown Community Library Board**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

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The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Germantown Community Library. Chairman Tom Cates called the meeting to order shortly after 5:00 p.m., and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Chairman Tom Cates, Joe Burns (ex-officio), Alderman John Drinnon, Joan Lemser, and Carol Schwam.

**Absent:** Hillery Efkeman, Eric Henager, and Hugh Durden

**Guests:** Don Riley, President of the Friends of the GCL

**Staff:** Daniel Page, Library Director

**Consideration of May 20, 2014 Minutes**

Corrections to the May minutes were noted and minutes were approved as corrected.

**New Business**

Comments by Chairman Tom Cates:

Mr. Cates noted the 10th Anniversary Celebration was well attended. Mayor Goldsworthy and Mr. Don Riley had good speeches. LSSI was represented well.

Mr. Cates reminded the Board that there will be a competitive managed bid for operation of the library this year.

Mr. Cates invited Mr. Riley to give an update on the Friends of the GCL.

Mr. Riley reported he was glad to be part of the anniversary. Friends were under budget for the funding of the anniversary. Alison Bodkin did a lot of work behind the scenes. There are approximately 470 Friends members. Book bucks might be back in which volunteers get $1 toward the purchase of a Friends Bookstore book for every hour volunteered at the bookstore. Area school systems have asked for the book drive to be in January when there are not a lot of other activities. Dogwood will join this year and private schools have been invited. Mr. Cates asked how GCL compares to the Memphis Public Library Friends membership number.

Mr. Joe Burns gave an update on TNGS. They have contact information for 600 TNGS members and 200 libraries. The 60th Anniversary event is July 19th. It is the anniversary of the TNGS magazine. Side Street Steppers will be there as will a humorist. TNGS will be at the Germantown Festival. TNGS will update the GCL Board on the TNGS five year plan at the next Library Board meeting. TNGS donated $598 to the GCL from proceeds from book sales.

**Reports – Germantown Community Library Director**

Mr. Page reported the Anniversary Celebration went well. End-of- year statistics were shared. Both the GRHGC and GCL have seen increases in several key measures. Emily Baker and Emily Shade have done very well in developing new programs. Summer Reading statistics look like they are going to be good. Children attending programs in June was up 49%.

Mr. Cates asked for an update on the Books by Mail program. Mr. Page mentioned that it has low usage but is an important service to those who receive it. The library is trying to make inroads into marketing the program to area senior living centers. Ms. Schwam says she can help with this.

Concerns:

A patron asked about extending hold time from three days to five. The Board decided to keep the policy as is.

The Board approved circulating games on CD/DVD for $2. This will be a good way to encourage more teen visits, one of our lower statistics. It also is an effort to increase circulation. Items can be checked-out for one week.

The Board approved the Germantown Community Lifetime Achievement Award – a plaque similar to the Volunteer of the Year award. Selected by the Germantown Community Library Board, awardees have demonstrated exceptional service to the Germantown Community Library worthy of a lifetime achievement award.

Outreach:

The Library received $1000 from Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. Library Board member Hillery Efkeman played a big role in us getting this donation.

We received the $750 check from Germantown Civitan Club.

Kiwanis has agreed to sponsor our movie Nights for $500.

Mr. Page will speak to the Germantown Council of Neighborhood Associations later this month for partnership opportunities. Mr. Cates recommended taking sign-up sheets and to talk about Friends of the GCL.

Mr. Page mentioned that there are two upcoming projects for which application will be submitted. A traveling Shakespeare exhibit sponsored by the American Library Association. Ms. Schwam recommended seeing if the local Shakespearean acting group might partner with this. Also, an application for the Tennessee State Library SNAP grant will be made later this year. It would fund a presentation on disaster preparedness for archives.

**New Business**

Mr. Cates recommended moving Board meetings to every other month. The Board agreed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting date is September 16th, 2014.