**Germantown Community Library Board**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

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The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, September 23, 2014at the Germantown Community Library. Chairman Tom Cates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Chairman Tom Cates, Hillary Efkeman, Joan Lemser, Hugh Durden, Eric Henager, and Carol Schwam.

**Absent:** Alderman John Drinnon, Joe Burns

**Guests:** None

**Staff:** City Administrator Patrick Lawton, Assistant to the City Administrator Stacey Ewell, Library Director Daniel Page, and Assistant Library Director Christy Nini.

**Consideration of July 14, 2014 Minutes**

Minutes were considered. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Joan Lemser with a second from Carol Schwam. The minutes were approved.

**Comments by Chairman Tom Cates**

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Daniel Page will serve as the Library Board’s note taker and will compile the minutes.

Patrick Lawton and/or Stacey Ewell will attend on behalf of the City of Germantown.

Ms. Ewell gave her background and Mr. Lawton spoke about a book by Ken Follet that is popular at City Hall.

Mr. Page introduced the new Assistant Library Director, Christy Nini. Ms. Nini spoke about her background in libraries.

Mr. Cates spoke of special funding of $9,100 from the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Funds would be used to gather items pertaining to Germantown’s history from the University of Memphis and to purchase books that include historical data on Germatown. If approved it would also fund $2,500 for a defibrillator for the Tennessee Genealogical Society building. Mr. Page will provide monthly progress reports to the Senior Commission.

Mr. Cates presented information about new Library Board appointments, possibly having the most applicants in library history with 16 applicants. New Board members will be appointed at the October 13th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

**Reports – Germantown Community Library Director**

Mr. Page reported that the 2014 Summer Reading program reached a new attendance record. In 2013, the library won the Best in State award with 2,400 participants. This year, the library had 2,780 participants.

The Ocean Slice artwork in the lobby has been permanently gifted to the library.

The library has its first Little Library at the Farm Park.

The Germantown Kiwanis Club donated $500 for library movie night programs.

The Germantown Lion’s Club was at storytimes in September.

The roof construction was completed.

Houston High School’s Special Education program participants will be volunteering at the library as part of a community based instruction program.

**New Business**

Mr. Cates mentioned that the Friends of the Germantown Library will have their annual sale November 6-8. He mentioned what a great deal the memberships are. Ms. Efkeman mentioned the role of donating books to the Bookstore. Ms. Schwam has a group of students participating in a Friends project.

Mr. Lawton mentioned that Mr. Page is attending weekly Department Head meetings and spoke about the library’s new Leaders are Readers program.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting date is November 18th, 2014.