

Germantown Community Library Board
January 19, 5:00 p.m.
Germantown Community Library

The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 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, Joe Burns, Hillery Efke, Sharon Goldsworthy, Cole Huffman, Alderman Dave Klevan, Stephanie McOlgan, Carol Schwam

Absent: Carol Schwam

Guests: Alison Bodkin, Don Riley

Staff: Patrick Lawton, Daniel Page

Consideration of November 17, 2015 Minutes

Minutes from November were considered. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Goldsworthy. A second to the motion was made by Hillery Efke. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Comments by Chairman Tom Cates

There was general discussion about security cameras at the GRHGC. Daniel Page will visit with IT Director Tony Fischer about this.

There was a discussion of the new library flooring. It was agreed to defer to the Director's judgement on using a combination of carpet and non-carpeting materials to best meet the need for maintenance and sound absorption.

Friends Bookstore Report

Memberships are over 500 now. A Visioning Subcommittee is meeting to create a mission statement and branding. Friends now have an online bookstore through Amazon.

Tennessee Genealogical Society Report

Joe Burns reported on the Society. Activity at TNGS is increasing and is very well received by the community. The Library Board considered a renewal of the 10 year contract between the Library and TNGS for use of the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center building for the operation of their Society. A motion to approve the contract and submit it to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration was made by Stephanie McOlgan. A second was made by Cole Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports – Germantown Community Library Director

Daniel Page gave a summary of library statistics. He discussed recent programs and events. In February there will be a Germantown Schools night and a Silent Auction to benefit Shelby County Books from Birth.

Old Business

The Board considered starting an annual purging of inactive library cards. A motion was made by Alderman Dave Klevan to purge cards annually that have been inactive for two years. A second was made by Cole Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Data for the library budget proposal for fiscal year 2017 was considered. A motion to accept the information and submit it through the City's budget process for further consideration was made by Hillery Efke. A second was made by Sharon Goldsworthy. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered waiving non-resident fees for those who volunteer at least 100 hours annually for the Library or the Friends of the Germantown Community Library. A motion to accept this policy amendment was made by Cole Huffman. A second was made by Stephanie McOlgan. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next meeting date is March 15, 2016.