

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD
Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 5:00 P.M.
Germantown Community Library

The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at the Germantown Community Library. Chairman Tom Cates called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M. and a quorum was established.

Present: Tom Cates, John Drinnon, Hillery Efkehan, Vince Hughes, Margaret Owens and Don Riley, Friends of the Library Liaison.

Absent: Eric Henager and Heslen Jabr.

Staff Present: Community Services Division Director George Brogdon and Library Director Melody Pittman.

Also Present: Byron Crain, president of the Tennessee Genealogical Society, and Jim Bobo, past president of the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

CONSIDERATION OF MARCH 16, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Hillery Efkehan, seconded by Margaret Owens, to approve the March 16, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion approved.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Cates stated he would not be able to attend the Germantown Community Library volunteer appreciation night on Thursday, April 22, 2010, and he had asked Vince Hughes to attend the meeting and speak on his behalf.

Mr. Cates stated that he had contacted Michelle Clouse, who originally had her privileges revoked by the Germantown Community Library Director, and the committee of Margaret Owens, Vince Hughes and himself met with Ms. Clouse. At the meeting, her conduct was so negative that the committee determined the ban should be upheld until January 2011 when she can contact Mr. Cates to have her status reconsidered. Ms. Clouse was advised of the decision of the committee.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melody Pittman passed out the director's report. She said the Friends Book Sale started on the April 29, 2010, with Friends having access on the 29th and the public on the 30th and 1st. English as a Second Language workshop will be Saturday, April 24th. Classes will begin April 26th. Forty-five people have signed up so far.

BUDGET

Melody Pittman distributed a line item budget to the members of the Germantown Community Library Board and explained that basically she had received everything that she had requested and she had redistributed some dollars to be able to get new printing/copying equipment. The leases were running out on the present copying equipment, so there is an opportunity to upgrade the equipment and she wanted to have enough money to be able to get the system she thought would be best for the patrons of the library.

The CIP budget was also discussed and George Brogdon explained that as previously discussed the programmatic phase of the design would be conducted in FY11 with architectural work begun in FY12 and the building expansion begun in FY13.

After some discussion on the FY11 operating budget, a motion was made by Alderman Drinnon, seconded by Vince Hughes, to approve the Germantown Community Library Board budget as distributed. Motion passed.

LIBRARY EXPANSION

Chairman Cates said he had received a call from an alderman upset that with the present economy the Library Board was looking at expanding, but he explained that this is a three-year process and the first phase does not cost anything, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Ron Dubberly and LSSI.

Mr. Cates introduced Jim Bobo and Byron Crain with the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

Mr. Bobo said the purpose of their being there was to brag some on the accomplishments of the Tennessee Genealogical Society and the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center and what to expect in the future. He read the mission statement and the by-laws and said that's why they were there and that's why they were in Germantown, to try to meet the goals of the Tennessee Genealogical Society. He mentioned several things they were going to be doing including acquisition of Carroll County Circuit Court records and the Adopt-A-Book Program for which they were getting good support. He said they give tons of books to the Friends of the Germantown Community Library. They are conducting training programs in the classroom/utility room and at Pickering. He said that the last training program they in the classroom they had 52 in attendance and the last at Pickering they had 108 in attendance. Other programs are: "Let's Discuss It", a program on how to research, conducted last Saturday at 10:00 A.M. He stated they average up to 35 people for the program. He said awareness, visibility and enrollment at the Tennessee Genealogical Society and the Germantown Regional History and Genealogical Library is growing.

Chairman Cates asked about high school involvement and there was some discussion and it was decided to put a committee to move forward and see if there were some things that could be done.

Jim Bobo said that possibly a Boy Scout merit badge or working with the teachers at Germantown High School would be a good program to begin. He also talked about oral history and maybe getting GHS-TV involved as cameramen and interviewers. It was also mentioned that Houston High School had a project where they will interview World War II era veterans on video and that information was uploaded to the Library of Congress. Mr. Bobo also said that ultimately all documentation from the genealogy libraries across the state will be brought together and published and he says he thinks the Tennessee Genealogical Society could have a major role and maybe even produce the document. He also mentioned the DeSoto County Genealogical Society is not big but they have talented people who could also work with the Tennessee Genealogical Society.

Alderman Drinnon said he would be nice if we had more promotions of the Regional History and Genealogy Center and the Book Store, in as many areas as possible.

Mr. Bobo distributed a hand-out. The Lineage Societies is compiled by the Tennessee Genealogical Society. He said when they moved from Daviesshire in 2006 they had 229 local members and today they have 302. They have 501 on their master email list and send hard copies to over 700 people for publication. He said that there are worldwide links to the Regional History and Genealogy Center.

Byron Crain said that the best location for the Tennessee Genealogical Society is right beside the Germantown Regional History and Genealogy Center where they can give Jennifer and patrons help. He said the parking is good and their room is great. He also said having access to the Pickering Center is wonderful for the programs they have. He did say that if the Regional History and Genealogy Center was moved to the main library when the expansion is done, they would have to look at separate offices and also security of the books and probably a separate entrance for that library. They could use a meeting room as we look to the future, as well as more space for supplies. He did say they had some building fund dollars which could be invested in other areas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 P.M.