

**GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 5:00 P.M.**  
**Germantown Community Library**

The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at the Germantown Community Library. Chairman Tom Cates called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 P.M. and a quorum was established.

**Present:** Tom Cates, John Drinnon, Hillery Efke, Eric Henager, Vince Hughes, Hesen Jabr and Margaret Owens.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF April 20, 2010 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Margaret Owens, seconded by Hesen Jabr, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2010 as distributed. Motion unanimously approved.

**COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Cates asked George Brogdon to give a brief update on the FY11 City budget as it pertained to the Library. Mr. Brogdon stated that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen had a work session a week earlier and he presented to them the submitted Library budget which was approved and recommended by the Germantown Community Library Board as per state statute. He stated that there seemed to be good support for the budget as submitted.

Mr. Cates said that at the last meeting they had followed up on a comment by an alderman that it would be good to have TN GEN and Regional History and Genealogy Center involvement with the schools and that many options had been discussed in the last month, including the 100 year anniversary of Germantown High School. Alderman Drinnon said most aldermen have thoughts around certain civic support groups and their pet projects, it doesn't mean that the others are not important, but he does think the Regional History and Genealogy Center has some support. Mr. Cates said he and Ms. Pittman would get together and discuss what possibilities exist. Vince Hughes added that one reason they wanted the students to come to the Regional History and Genealogy Center was there was on-line access to databases there without a charge; otherwise you would have to pay an access fee.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Melody Pittman, Library Director, presented her report. She stated the Friends of the Germantown Community Library Book Sale made \$4,297.30, \$360 new and renewed Friends memberships. She highlighted other events including Touch-a Truck coming Saturday, May 22, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. She also said the Friends are looking at having a paid coordinator /consultant to coordinate all the volunteers for not only the Book Store but their events. She said the new Book Store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10AM – 4PM, for the summer.

Ms. Pittman also reported on the Special Needs Prom held in conjunction with the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department and said there were 96 in attendance. She also took time to say how important these programs, along with the ones that Parks and Recreation offers the special kids, are for the Germantown community and how great they are attended. George Brogdon, as a special needs parent, echoed Ms. Pittman's statements and did say that the special needs community certainly appreciated what the Library and the City are doing. Ms. Pittman encouraged that hopefully the City will do even more in the future.

Ms. Pittman announced that next week they will take the Germantown Community Library circulation staff on a Wolf River Library Consortium tour. This has never been done and since there wasn't really good programming at the Tennessee Library Association sessions for circulation and they were not involved in that conference, that it would be good for them to have some training and to learn more about the other libraries in our consortium.

She said June 5<sup>th</sup> there would be a continuance of English as a Second Language from 12:00 to 4:00P.M.

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John Drinnon encouraged participation this year as there was last year by the Library in the Senior Expo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45PM.