

## GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD

### SPECIAL MEETING

May 20, 2020

GCL Community Room and WebEx

The Special meeting of the Germantown Community Library Board was called to order by President Joyce Nelson at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. **Members present:** Joyce Nelson, Darlene Vosen (WebEx), Charlene Brady, Joletta Kerpan (WebEx), Jolene Pieper. **Members absent:** Brenda O'Brien, exc., Christa Potratz, exc. **Also present:** Library Director Trisha Smith, Assistant Director Connie Lloyd, Michelle Tucker, Village of Germantown Support Services Manager (WebEx). Proper notification of the meeting had been given.

MOTION (Brady, Pieper): Approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried (5-0).

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

### NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON REOPENING OF LIBRARY – Smith provided a proposed phased reopening plan which followed the Washington/Ozaukee County Health Department Blueprint for reopening in addition to the CDC guidelines and the State of Wisconsin guideline for reopening WI public libraries. See attachment. Smith proposed to the Board to reopen the library Thursday, May 21, 2020 and continue to offer curbside pickup. This was based on the guidelines from the Washington County Administrator and the Village of Germantown Administrator to prepare to reopen for business as soon as possible. In addition, the Jack Russell Public Library in Hartford had reopened May 16, 2020 and the Slinger and West Bend libraries reopened today, May 20, 2020. Brady stated that she preferred the library wait until Tuesday, May 26, 2020. She stated the Supreme Court ruling was based on a legal technicality, not health based. Vosen stated that we needed to take into consideration that Washington County calculates library funding based on circulation statistics. We would need to consider the financial impact if Hartford, Slinger and West Bend are open and we are closed. Kerpan expressed health concerns of opening too quickly based on the reported spike in cases for Washington County and Germantown since May 15, 2020. Pieper and Tucker reported that there were 285 cases in Washington County as of yesterday and 311 as of today. MOTION (Nelson, Vosen): Germantown Community Library will reopen utilizing the Washington/Ozaukee Health Department Blueprint for Reopening as a guideline with deviations from the Phase Plan and recommendations presented by the Library Director as appropriate. ROLL CALL: Brady, (ney); Vosen, (aye); Kerpan, (ney); Pieper, (aye); Nelson, (aye). Motion carried (3-2).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will be Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lloyd  
Assistant Director  
Germantown Community Library