**Germantown Colony Museum**

**Advisory Board**

**11/4/21**

John Sanders opened with prayer.

Minutes from last meeting were read.

Motion to accept the minutes – Otto Krouse

Motion to second – Charlotte Jones

The new date for the Germantown Festival is April 30. 2022.

Pam Lowe suggested looking at The Community House for availability on that date.

This space provides a stage, lighting, parking, and bathrooms. It is also possible the insurance

for this venue is also provided. It is located on Gladney in Victory Park, Minden, LA.

Discussion over the new venue option requires to check for availability and a deposit to reserve.

The community House serves other purposes and we need to rule out any conflict to their schedule or ours.

Gibsland Bank has agreed to be a sponsor the festival.

Janet Sanders volunteered for The Legends Festival in Homer, LA.

She received information to help with the Germantown Festival.

Claiborne Parish Sheriff’s Department was a visible presence at the festival.

The festival organizers hosted a Heroes Breakfast for all first responders.

John Sanders updated the board on the chimney repair in the Doctor’s Cottage and foundation support repair in The Blacksmith Shop. Ram Jack completed the repairs. The State of Louisiana

Paid for the repairs in the amount of $2300.00.

Now the grout on the interior of the building which was loosened when the chimney was moved to an upright position needs to be sealed again.

Catharine Poole reported prisoners from Webster Parish placed the flagstone in the Blacksmith Shop.

She recommended we send thank you notes to Jason Parker and Phillip Krouse for their help with this project. Trish Hayes agreed to send the thank you notes.

Catharine Poole reported on the Fire Marshall Inspection. He identified that exit signs need to be placed above the exit doors and fire detectors need to be installed. The Museum is now current with the fire code.

Thomas Carmody reported that museum deferred repairs were include in Louisiana’s state budget in the amount of $50,000. The money must be spent by June 30, 2022 or a contract for repair must be in place if it after this date or we lose these designated funds.

He also stated some staff of the Louisiana Department of Civil Planning can write the letter for bid.

Suggestions on needed repairs are as follows:

Roof repair with cedar/wooden/shaker shingles

Resurface the parking lot

Goenten Cottage and Community Dining Hall need preservation.

Discussion over parking at the Germantown Colony; can Friends purchase 1200 SF from Phillip Krouse?

Phillip Krouse’s contact information: 318-423-6309 Cell or Home 318-377-7456

Also discussed was using artificial shaker shingles for the roofs needing repair.

The Heroes to Heritage Signs with the Louisiana state seal have arrived. The state is now looking at replacing 7 to 8 signs that are missing, damaged or no longer in place.

Pam Lowe followed up the donation regarding the photographs under bubble glass. She left a message and contact information for Larry Hock, but no one has heard back from them.

Catharine Poole will do an inventory of the Christmas decorations and assess what is needed.

Christmas decorating work day is November 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Suggestions for new items are as follows:

Folk art

Christmas doilies

Corn shuck dolls

Beaded berries

Popcorn garlands

Pam Lowe made a motion to close.

Trish Hayes made a second motion.

Next meeting will be February 3, 2022 at The Hocks Red Barn at 4:40 p.m.