**Germantown Colony Museum**

**Advisory Board Meeting**

**August 6, 2020**

John Sanders opened with prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Pam Lowe made a motion to approve.

Otto Krouse made a second motion to approve.

Catharine Poole, the Germantown Museum’s curator was absent due to health reasons.

John Sanders and Trish Hayes have still not received confirmation to the Board from the Louisiana Secretary of State’s office.

Thomas Carmody stated he would check on it for us and that this should have been approved in the last Louisiana Session.

Germantown Festival discussion will be tabled until next meeting November 5, 2020 due to continued Covid-19 restrictions.

The members opened discussion with Mr. Carmody about the things that are cost prohibitive to having the festival; namely, the required insurance for each participant who are volunteering as well as small food truck vendors. The one-million-dollar coverage per participant seems exorbitant. The Friends group planned to pay for a blanket policy for the setup and the event, but this was unacceptable by the state of Louisiana Risk Management.

John Sanders opened discussion on the books found in lard cans in the attic of the Countess cottage and the Goenchen Cottage. He spoke about how well preserved they are and the unique way they were stored.

John Sanders complimented Thomas Carmody on his interest in the history of the colony and willingness to work on behalf of Germantown Colony Museum.

Thomas Carmody has a Fine Arts degree from LSU. He was appointed by the Louisiana Secretary of State to supervise the museums for the state of Louisiana. He is working with the friends of the museum system who want to support the Louisiana Museums.

The next Germantown Meeting will be held November 5, 2020 at The Hocks Red Barn. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a potluck meal to follow.

Pam Lowe made a motion to close the meeting.

Trish Hayes made a second motion to close.