

Germantown Colony Museum
Advisory Board Meeting
August 14, 2025

In attendance were the following members:

Otto Krouse
Jeannie Machowski
Catharine Poole
Larry Hock
Trish Hayes
Pam Lowe
Paula Stewart
Charlotte Jones
Amie Poladian
Johnnie Kennon
Sam Hayes by proxy

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

The meeting was moved to August 14, 2025, at the same location, due to several who could not attend on August 7, 2025.

The pie safe was looked at by Gilbert Hayes. It was discussed that it is too delicate to move and if repaired it must be repaired on sight.

Trish Hayes presented pictures and mockups of promotional items that Friends of Germantown requested. The Friends selected items to be ordered.

Jeannie Machowski presented a German children's sled that was donated by Mrs. Ellen Beauboeuf. Trish Hayes drafted and mailed a thank you letter to Mrs. Beauboeuf.

Catharine Poole introduced the new Tourism Director for Webster Parish, Amie Poladian. It has been requested that the Germantown Colony Museum participate in Christmas activities for Webster Parish and host Mrs. Santa or Santa and his elf. The committee was in favor and will be participating the weekend of December 12-14, 2025.

Catharine Poole stated that we need more brochures for the Colony. Larry Hock and Charlotte Jones suggested a shorter version of information on the back of the brochure. Jeannie Machowski agreed to work on a rewrite for the brochure.

Catharine Poole also got pricing to make more repairs at the colony. Shay Bailiff completed a bid for the work. It will be submitted the Louisiana Secretary of State for review.

Amie Poladian informed the committee that Minden will be hosting the Miss Louisiana Adult and Teen Pageant November 6-9, 2025. She stated that it is likely that some of the contestants will be photographed at The Colony.

The next meeting will be held at The Germantown Colony Museum November 6, 2025. at 4:30 pm.

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AMENDED MEETING DATE:

November 6, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Hocks Red Barn

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GERMANTOWN COLONY MUSEUM

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Friends Of Germantown

Attendance:

August - 145

September - 131

October - 221

The museum has had a wonderful attendance.

8/5/2025 The week of 8/5 to 8/9 the museum was only open (8/7)

8/7/2025 Always Best Quality Maintenance (Ramsey Lawn Service)
mowed the museum grounds and Germantown Colony Cemetery.

This is paid for by the S.O.S.

8/12/2025 State Fire Marshal inspected the museum with no
deficient/cautionary codes cited.

8/13/2025 Amie Poladian came to Germantown Colony Museum to
highlight our beautiful museum in a video. Amie is the new Executive
Director of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors
Commission.

8/14/2025 The Friends of Germantown Meeting at the Hocks Red
Barn.

8/18/2025 Museum Workshop in Shreveport, #2 of 3 classes to be
taken this year. Collections Research for Museums workshop is paid
for by the S.O.S.

8/22/2025 Custom Security Systems out of Baton Rouge LA. was
hired to replace the old 4 cameras at the museum with 10 new
cameras and an updated security system. What a great difference it

has made to be able to monitor the museum. This is paid for by the S.O.S.

8/26/2025 Custom Security Systems completed the installation of the security system and larger monitor.

8/26/2025 Always Best Quality Maintenance (Ramsey Lawn Service) mowed the grounds at the museum and the Germantown Colony Cemetery. This is paid for by the S.O.S.

9/9/2025 Laurie Sena with The Arc Caddo - Bossier brought 4 guests to tour the museum. I spoke to Mrs. Sena about keeping Germantown Colony Museum on her regular schedule when coming this way. The Arc Caddo - Bossier is a nonprofit organization that has been building opportunities for people with disabilities since 1954. They enjoyed a tour and had lunch at the museum.

- Maybe we can sand and paint the 3 picnic tables that we have at the museum. Nice sturdy benches around the museum grounds would be helpful for guests that are unable to walk far and need a break from standing. Some of the old benches have completely rotted, and have fallen apart.

9/16/2025 Otto Krouse, Trish Hayes & granddaughter Emma Hayes delivered new gift shop items to the museum.

9/16/2025 Thomas Carmody came to the museum to interview new help at the museum.

9/22/2025 Always Best Quality Maintenance (Ramsey Lawn Service) mowed the grounds at the museum and the Germantown Colony Cemetery. This is paid for by the S.O.S.

9/30/2025 Sikes Pest Co. sprayed the museum for regular pest treatment. This is paid for by the S.O.S. \$205.00

10/16/2025 I would like to welcome Sarah Davis to the Friends of Germantown. Today 10/16/2025 is her first day.

10/16/2025 Mechanical Cooling Services came to GCM to clean the A/C units. This is paid for by the S.O.S.

10/24/2025 I noticed some scratching on the wooden floor in the Dr Cabin. I called Sikes Pest Co. so they can tell me if it is from rodents or insects causing this problem. They reported no insects and seemed to be from a squirrel. I have requested a live trap. This way I can relocate it far away from Germantown.

We need to pick a date to decorate for Christmas and prepare for Santa and Mrs. Santa. We will need 2 sturdy seats to greet children, cookies and volunteers.