

GERMANTOWN COLONY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, November 6, 2014, 4:00 P.M
At Germantown Colony Museum

The Germantown Colony Museum Advisory Board met on the porch of the Museum with the following present: Jean Doerge, Bruce Hock, Pam Lowe, George Rolfe, John Agan, Otto Krouse, John Sanders, Charlotte Jones, Susie Lester, Trish Hayes and son Sam.

Meeting was called to order by President John Agan. Minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting were approved on motion by Charlotte Jones and second by Pam Lowe.

Agan read the report of Museum Director, Jean Doerge (copy attached). Also a report from Wayne Waddell stating that the Legal Document has been completed with Claiborne Electric to move guide wire, and Mark Dunn is to contact electrician to check on lights that fail to come on. Construction of porch on front of building to begin soon and visitors should enter through chain wire gate during construction for safety. Waddell also is getting garden tools for the Museum and he will get help to move organ from Goentgen cottage to Countess cottage.

A sign-up sheet was passed to group for Volunteers to help with visitors on November 22 (Fasching) and a tour on December 6.

Susie Lester reported that a group of Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners had cleaned flower beds and planted fall and winter plants. A thank you note should be sent to them.

Next meeting - February 5, 2015, at the Minden Chamber of Commerce Conference room.

Susie Lester, Secretary

GERMANTOWN COLONY STATE MUSEUM

Secretary of State Tom Schedler

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Museum Report

EVENTS

- John Agan, Chairman of Germantown Colony Board, presided over a tour for the Study Club of Minden – fifteen (15) members

NUMBER OF MUSEUM GUESTS FOR THE MONTH

- Thirty three (33) guests visited GCM during the month of October

PROJECT UPDATES

- Completed securing the chimney on Dr. Goentgen Cottage – submitted a requisition to finish restoring the chimneys on the Dr. Goentgen Cottage and Countess Cottage.
- Cleaned artifacts for display in Museum Exhibit Area
- Filled several holes on grounds with top soil and put lime and grass seed on these areas
- Cleaned the Blacksmith Shop area around pit and bellows *Lonnie + Hanna Simpson*
- Master Gardner's cleaned flower beds and replanted for the fall
- Mr. Lonnie Simpson constructed stanchions and installed them in the Dining Hall
- Began decorating for Christmas

PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

- Need to push for the LED lighting in the Countess Cottage and Dining Hall for bulbs and check for operating efficiency and installation of LED track lighting in Dr. Goentgen Cottage
- Need help (individual) with cleaning the entire museum area – buildings and grounds
- Need equipment to aid with the upkeep of the grounds and moving items from one building to another

BOARD MEETING UPDATES

- Special call meeting October 4, 2014 – meet at Germantown Colony

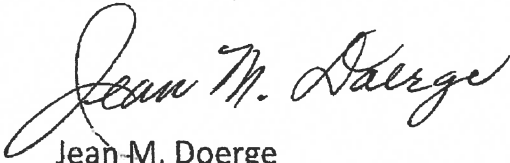
DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

- Last meeting for 2014 will be November 6, 2014 – meet at Germantown Colony

DATE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- Fasching Celebration in downtown Minden with bus tours to Germantown Colony State Museum. Members of Friends of Germantown will help direct tours and will dress in period dress of the 1800's.
- The first Saturday in December will host a tour for the Trail of Lights and subsequent Saturdays during the month of December

Submitted by:



Jean-M. Doerge
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Other list from Wayne Waddell:

Legal document has been completed and in the hands of Claiborne Electric to move the guide wire on the large pole in front of building up in the air so that passage can be made safely. Mark Dunn will surround the pole with yellow bumper stakes??. Mark Dunn is getting in touch with the electrician who installed the buller lights for repair on the lights on the side where the handicapped parking. They fail to light.

Wayne has requested that he start construction on the front and was told it would take only about 10 days so he is shooting for next week. He wants the Board's approval to help divert the traffic or visitors through the large gate and around to the front. I told him I would be glad to do this.

Mr. Waddell is sending a crew to move the organ to the Countess Cottage. Wants it to be sure it is dry for moving over the grass. Hope we can get it moved next week.
