**Germantown Colony Museum**

**Advisory Board Meeting**

**November 5, 2020**

John Sanders opened with prayer.

Trish Hayes read minutes from last meeting held August 6, 2020.

Pam Lowe made a motion to accept the minutes.

Otto Krouse made a second motion to accept the minutes.

Catharine Poole, curator of the museum reported that the museum opened to the public October 1, 2020 following the Covid-19 guidelines.

Catharine reported that the Germantown sign was stolen during the closure. Thomas Carmody authorized to purchase a new sign and a state seal will be added to the sign.

She also reported that the flagpole was damaged from the high winds associated with Hurricane Laura. It is bend severely and needs to be replaced.

Dale Krouse willed an 1871 Farmer’s Almanac to The Friends of Germantown along with a doctor’s medical handbook. It was originally owned by Susie Chandler Krouse. In the event of the Museum’s lack of space, it is to be returned to Sidney and Lucas Krouse.

Trish Hayes reported that she has all of the notarized signatures to proceed with reprinting the Fragments of a Dream book written by Rita Krouse.

She also brought an original book of art by J.J. Schardt given to Columbia Leon on January 1, 1859.

It was donated to the Friends of Germantown by Patricia Krouse Wade, daughter of Rita Krouse.

The Friends have requested a completed Act of Donation form for the book for their records.

The hand sewn handkerchief of the Countess was given as a wedding gift and donated by the descendants to the Spring Street Museum in Shreveport, LA. There is documentation to support the handkerchief being given as a gift and its donation to the Spring Street Museum in Shreveport, LA.

Otto Krouse discussed the items taken for cataloging/microfilm that were never returned. He said it happened approximately in the 1980s.

Catharine Poole and Thomas Carmody mentioned a chimney in the doctor’s cottage that is pulling away from the structure. Previously, there was mortar used to seal it which is now broken.

John Sanders knows a foundation contractor (Tim Gladney) who he will request an estimate from for the repair. The Friends of Germantown will consult on the cost of the repair.

Catharine Poole requested a date to decorate the Colony for Christmas. The date of November 20, 2020 to begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Germantown Festival is still on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Trish Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pam Lowe made a second motion to adjourn.