

**TOWN OF DUNN**  
**DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE**  
**October 14, 2024**

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, October 14, 2024** at the Town Hall.  
Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, John Stalter, and Vicki Price. Absent: Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Vicki Price.

1. Notes of September 9, 2024 were reviewed.
2. October Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence:
  - A. Email from Jerry Beisterveld with old 70's pictures of Downsville.
  - B. Email from Rob Case regarding host for RVOVERnights meeting. Price with respond with "no thanks".
  - C. Email invitation from Barron Co. Historical Society Pioneer Village for volunteers at 10/3/24 meeting.
5. Donations:
  - A. Jake's TV Repair sign in basement of Dairy State Bank has to be moved out to storage shed.
6. 2025 Discover Downsville Discount Cards: The Museum receives the proceeds and Dianne Jacobson and Vicki Price are working on this project (and subsequent years).
7. Displays:
  - A. Discussion and suggestion of replacing the military uniform wall display with old pictures of Downsville as many are scattered throughout the museum and others should be added such as pictures in Jerry Beisterveld's email. Price noted that Roland Kistner funeral displayed his military picture and Downsville School class picture which should be added to our current displays.
8. Building/Maintenance:
  - A. Electrical Upgrade – not completed yet.
  - B. Front entrance railing – Messa presented pictures of kits available at First Source (Menomonie). Consensus was on square design and brown color with approximate cost of \$800.
  - C. Front entrance door – Andy Rabideau is testing with stainless steel rivets.
  - D. Side entrance doors (2) – Andy Rabideau has completed the project and looks good.
  - E. Front entrance awning – Discussion and a suggestion of putting a tarp over the front doors after December Santa event would protect against salt.
  - F. Post Office windows – Smith working on it.
9. Events:
  - A. Creamery Inn Boutique Open House/Bake Sale: Saturday October 26, 10am-5pm with proceeds to go to the museum. Baked goods for the sale should be dropped off at The Creamery on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Halloween Downsville School Parade: School has been contacted and parade is planned. There will be 86 students plus siblings and the parade will begin at 2:30pm and come through the museum at the end. 100 treat bags will be assembled. Smith working on purchases. DeFlorin, Smith, Daines and Price will work beginning at 1:00pm to complete decorating and assemble treat bags. Price will arrange heating.
  - C. Halloween – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4-6pm: Remainder of any treat bags will be distributed along with candy. Messa and Price will work. Last year's poster will be used to post in Downsville; no other advertising needed.
  - D. Pictures with Santa and Silent Auction event will be held Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am-1pm: Smith will request a Thrivent card for event. A poster is needed so Price can do advertising.
10. Other
  - A. Need a checkout system for notebooks. Currently Cindy Steinmeyer has 2 Downsville history books and Deb Hasse military notebook. Smith will work on project.
  - B. Program suggestion for next year made by Daines for garden pictures or tours from residents.
  - C. Work day to clean museum and decorate for Halloween is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm.
11. Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 11 at 5:30pm at the TOWN HALL.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Vicki Price, Secretary