

TOWN OF DUNN  
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
October 8, 2018

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on Monday, October 8, 2018 at the Town of Dunn Town Hall

Members present: President Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Luisa Fumagalli, Forrest Johnson, John Miller, Lynnette Smith, and Vicki Price

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by Miller and seconded by Cartwright to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018 with the correction in 7C to “Realty” and “Quarn”. MC**
2. Vouchers: Reviewed
3. Treasurers Report: **It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fumagalli to approve the September 2018 Museum Committee treasurer’s report. MC**
4. Public Comment: Storm/small tornado damage last Wednesday in Little Elk Creek area.
5. Donations:
  - A. Courtney Olson: Items given to John Miller for the museum to consider are metal cream/sugar set, shaving mug, wrenches, water canister, and knife. Consensus was that more information is needed on the items.
  - B. Ron Hoyt: Downsville Farmers Merchant Bank piggy bank and K&S checks were dropped off.
6. Project Updates:
  - A. Discover Downsville Discount Card: Price reported that the order has been submitted for the 2019 card which has similar offers as last year and cards will be ready within 2 weeks.
  - B. Museum Trail Sign: No report
  - C. Walking Tour: No report
  - D. Heating/Cooling System: No report
  - E. Moving Post Office: Pouring of pad and moving of post office may not happen until spring. The walnut tree has been removed. Suzanne will contact Charlie Rasmusson to grind the tree stump.
  - F. Bids for Storage Shed Extension: John Nissley had previously submitted a bid and Steve Johnson has indicated he will also. Discussion was held that the addition to the shed should be higher and incorporate letting more light into the building along with a large sliding door at the east end to accommodate getting the Schley logging display into the shed and a covered slab on the east end. New bids will be requested with these additions. In the meantime, the electrical bid work will be scheduled to use the Dunn Energy round-up grant funds of \$1,900.
7. Purchase of Pancake Grill: Discussion was held regarding storage and placement of the grill. **It was moved by Smith and seconded by Cartwright to purchase the pancake grill from Jane DeFlorin and Richard Thomas for \$500. MC**
8. Saturday Opening Reports: 9-15-18 - \$17 donation; 9-16-18 Durand Red Hat Society (9 visitors) and \$32 in donations; 9-22-18 Fedie Family Reunion (20 visitors) with the sale of 6 mugs and 1 soap for total of \$14 in donations and they will be sending an additional check. The museum was not open from 9-29-18 and on.
9. Other Events:
  - A. Dunn County Historical Society Display: This will be a temporary (1-2 month) display at the Rassbach Museum – 2 separate 10x12 ft rooms are available. Other museums will also have a turn at a display. Consensus was to focus on our Odd Fellows display and Caddie Woodlawn. Luisa Fumagalli will meet with Frank Smoot to work out the details and call for help in moving items.
  - B. Dan Phillips Art Show: Dan Phillips has indicated he would be interested in a display of his previous artwork and current artwork at the May 2019 pancake breakfast. Price will work on contacting local people who own some of his early paintings to ask if those items could be loaned for the event.
  - C. Halloween/Trick or Treating: Consensus was to have the museum open on Wednesday, 10/31/18, from 5-7pm for trick or treating. Price is waiting to hear if the Downsville Elementary students will be holding their parade as in past years. If so, the museum would be open at 2:30pm on 10/31/18 for them to come through the museum on their way back to the school. Price, Messa, Fumagalli, and Smith indicated a willingness to volunteer that day. **(Since the meeting, the school parade will be held on 10/31/18 at 2:30pm.)**
  - D. November 9 or 16 – Downsville School Rural School Tour: Date/time not yet determined. Smith volunteered for the day. Price will contact Julie Fiege the school contact.

- E. December Santa Visit/Photo Opportunity: Price will contact Art McNaughton to see if he is available for December 1 (first choice) or 8 (second choice). (Since the meeting, Art McNaughton has agreed to be Santa on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am-1pm at the museum.)

**10. Other**

- A. Closing Process: Consensus was to do the closing right after the December Santa Visit. Lumberjacks need to be packed away and can be stored at the Town Hall over winter. Water needs to be turned off (shut off is at the curb on the west side of the museum) and pipes drained; Price will bring her heater down for the bathroom. Plows need to go back into the shed.
  - B. Move items from Messa farm to the museum or Town Hall storage and also place the items in the museum second floor storage area into displays or storage. Having this room open would be better flow of traffic for viewing the upstairs.
  - C. 2019 Proposed Budget: Distributed for review and will be considered at the November meeting.
- 11. Set November 12, 2018 Agenda: 2019 Budget Approval; Halloween Report; Plan December 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Visit, Rodent Problem/Resolution, and Spring Grant Ideas**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Vicki Price, Secretary