

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
October 9, 2023

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, October 9, 2023** at the Town Hall.
Present: Suzanne Messa, Forrest Johnson, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, John Stalter, and Vicki Price.
Absent: Arlene Cartwright, Craig Thibado
Guest: Matt Messa

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa.

1. Notes of September 11, 2023 were reviewed.
2. October Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment:
 - A. Gloria Watland Miller has passed away.
4. Correspondence: None
5. Dunn Energy Round Up Grant Status for Landscaping Submission: Not approved per letter received.
6. Donations:
 - A. Schauls Gas has donated \$182.78 (labor) for the second lp tank/set up.
 - B. CAL Packers donated \$100 toward the sausage for August pancake breakfast for Downsville Day.
 - C. Ben Powers Shed Visit: No response (Vicki Price)
7. Displays
 - A. Logging display - Lynnette has put all the people figurines in plastic bags for winter storage.
 - B. Suzanne Messa will be working on expanding the upstairs telephone display for next year.
8. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Matt Messa indicated he would work on this project including updating the plumbing for less than \$4,000. There was discussion regarding the new flooring and consensus was vinyl plank flooring. Vicki Price will contact Allen Bormtrager of Double A Construction to let him know we have had a local resident interested in doing the project and completing it sooner.
9. Events:
 - A. Halloween – The museum will hold trick or treating from **4-6pm on Tuesday, October 31st** and will distribute treat bags. Suzanne has applied for a Thrivent card and Jane DeFlorin will purchase treats.
 - B. Halloween Parade - Price contacted the Downsville School and there will be a student Halloween parade on October 31st around 2:30pm. Enrollment is 88 this year.
 - C. Pictures with Santa will be held **Sunday, December 3rd from 11am-1pm**. Santa has confirmed. Lynnette has applied for a Thrivent card. There will be a variety of silent auction items: Lynnette - Christmas frame; Jane DeFlorin – blanket. There will be 2 porchpots and no wreaths this year. Hot chocolate, cider and goodies will be served and a treat bag for children.
 - D. Post Office Box for Letters to Santa: Lynnette Smith will work on this project with help. Consensus was to have a red mailbox for letters outside the museum post office for children to drop off letters to Santa. This will be promoted in the on Facebook, our Website, Downsville School Newsletter and NH/LEC Parish Visitor.
10. Museum Work Days
 - A. Tuesday, October 31st, at noon for decorating and assembling treat bags for Halloween parade and trick or treating.
 - B. Preparation for Sunday, December 3rd Pictures with Santa - TBD
 - C. Preparation for Letters to Santa at Museum Post Office -
 - D. Building Closing – Sunday, December 3rd following Santa/Silent Auction
11. Other - None
12. Set Next Meeting Date –November 13th at 5:30pm at the **TOWN HALL**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm
Vicki Price, Secretary