

TOWN OF DUNN  
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
November 12, 2018

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on Monday, November 12, 2018 at the Town of Dunn Town Hall

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

Absent: Arlene Cartwright

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by Smith and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018. MC**
2. Vouchers: Reviewed
3. Treasurers Report: **It was moved by Fumagalli and seconded by Price to approve the October 2018 Museum Committee treasurer's report. MC**
4. Public Comment: Craig Thibado indicated that he will be having additional back surgery 12/3/18.
5. Donations:
  - A. Jerry & Carol Biesterveld: Marlene Huley great-granddaughter of the Louisville Postmaster Jerome Steves has indicated to Jerry & Carol that she would like to make a \$2,000 donation toward moving the post office, concrete, repairs to floor and mailboxes. **It was moved by Thibado and seconded by Price to accept Marlene Huley's \$2,000 donation for moving the post office, concrete, floor repair and mailbox repair. MC** Suzanne is checking with Marlene and pricing of a plaque to be placed on the post office.
6. 2019 Proposed Budget: Reviewed. **It was moved by Miller and seconded by Thibado to approve the 2019 proposed budget in the total amount of \$7,400 as presented. MC**
7. Rodent Problem/Resolution: Discussion held that there is a squirrel living in the museum walls. John Miller volunteered to set live traps again. Smith recommendation that "Fresh Cab" be placed in the museum to solve mouse problem.
8. Project Updates:
  - A. Discover Downsville Discount Card: Price distributed discount cards to the committee members to sell for \$10 each and go into effect 1/1/19. Last year all 500 cards were sold. She will also talk to Cubby's and Timber Inn and ask if they would also sell cards. Jane Hulett is selling cards at New Hope Church and Kaye Wolf at the school.
  - B. Storage Shed Electrical Work: Travis Davis of Backwoods Electric will upgrade the electrical in the shed after Thanksgiving which will be covered by the Dunn Energy Round-up grant received in the spring. A picture of the completed project will need to be submitted to Dunn Energy along with our thank you.
  - C. Bids for Storage Shed Extension: Bids will be requested early next year – thoughts are to extend the shed to the front location of the post office, with the extension taller than the current shed roofline, sliding doors on the new end to accommodate the Schley logging display and a covered apron on the new end with the jail possibility housed under the apron roof.
9. Spring Grant Ideas: Suggestion was to price a mini-split heating/air conditioning unit for the first floor and submit a grant request in February 2019.
10. October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Opening Report: 105 Downsville Elementary students came through the museum at the end of their Halloween parade to downtown and approximately 40 trick-or-treaters came through in the evening from 5-7pm. Fun was had by all!
11. Other Events/Reports:
  - A. Dunn County Historical Society Display: Luisa Fumagalli has met with Frank Smoot to work out the details. The plan was to showcase our museum with an Odd Fellows display and a Caddie Woodlawn display. After discussion, consensus was to just display Odd Fellows items and not compete with the Rassbach Museum Caddie Woodlawn display. Luisa will be signing a loan agreement and documenting items being displayed. We will remove the display early April 2019.
  - B. November 30<sup>th</sup> Downsville School Rural School Tour: Students are walking from the school to the octagon schoolhouse at Simply Dunn and then to the museum split into 2 or 3 groups arriving at 9:30am. Students will have an activity on the first floor while another group views the rural school display on the second floor. Craig Thibado will provide a propane heater for upstairs, a tank for the museum's heater, and ask to borrow Ted Watland's heater – starting the heaters at 8:30 on 11/30/18. Students should be

done with the tour between 11 and 11:30am. Lynnette and Vicki will provide tours. Kindergarten teacher Julie Fiege has been working on this.

- C. December 1<sup>st</sup> Pictures with Santa: Art McNaughton will be there 10am-1pm. Craig Thibado will start heaters at 9am. Museum committee members will provide cookies, cheese/crackers, or anything they would like to bring. Coffee, hot cider and hot chocolate will also be provided.
- D. Dan Phillips Art Show: Vicki has not gone up to her brother's house to take pictures of the paintings yet but did email Dan Phillips that she would be doing so. She has not heard back from him. His open house display of artwork could be held even if he can't be here in May for the opening and Saturday pancake breakfast on May 25, 2019.

**12. Other**

A. December 1<sup>st</sup> Closing Process: We will pack up lumberjacks, move items from upstairs to the downstairs or to the storage area in the Town Hall, and decide to move the items in the museum storage area to the Town Hall or fit them into a display. Having this room open in the museum will make for better traffic flow.

B. Also move items from Messa farm to the museum or Town Hall storage on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**13. Set December 10, 2018 Agenda:** We may not need to meet in December 2018 and will not meet January 2019 or February 2019 unless needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Vicki Price, Secretary