

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
March 9, 2026

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, March 9, 2026** at the Town Hall.
Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, and Vicki Price. Absent: Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa

1. Notes of December 8, 2025 were reviewed.
2. March Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence: None
5. 2026 Budget – Reviewed and accepted
6. Donations:
 - A. \$100 Mainstream Boutique drawing winner submitted by Tricia Bauer.
 - B. Jane DeFlorin – 32” TV for school display
 - C. Wally Cutler – 1915 Dunn County Atlas, 1969 Dunn County Atlas, 1987 Dunn County Atlas, and “Where the Wild Rice Grows” book.
7. Displays
 - A. Levi Anderson toy tractor collection to be displayed upstairs in cabinet.
 - B. Downsville Elementary School Focus – Lynnette is collecting pictures from the Rassbach Museum and Menomonie School Office and Charles and Connie Kistner are helping identify students and teachers in the pictures. Consensus was to have a slide show and also display pictures on the wall with an area for visitors to help identify individuals in pictures who we cannot determine. Millie Kistner dropped off some pictures.
8. Classes
 - A. Messa is working on classes and has Knitting by Darla Joncas, Weaving by Kathy Bauer, and Sour Dough Bread Making by Richard Thomas. Other presentations to confirm are History of Chippewa Valley Bean by Cindy Brown, Quarry and Stone Cutting by Craig Thibado, Birding Presentation by Marie Young, History of Downsville School by Tim Dotseth, and Museum Paranormal/History by Dan Teddy.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Water will be turned back on sometime in April depending on weather conditions.
 - B. Jake’s TV Repair sign – No progress (Johnson project)
 - C. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - D. Post Office windows – Messa still pursuing project with Sam Skillings.
 - E. Heating assessment – Smith has contacted CVTC and requested a yes or no answer.
 - F. Pine tree removal – hold off
 - G. Wik’s Store sign donated by John and Amy Stalter – no progress (Johnson project)
 - H. July Fire extinguisher maintenance.
 - I. Clean shed is new spring project.
 - J. Jail – discussion of moving jail out of storage and the placement. Messa will do some measuring and staking where there is space and we will meet April 13th at the **museum** to view (and then hold meeting at Town Hall).
 - K. Sandblasting Museum – Peter Stubers of Dynamic Restoration Masonry does not have room on his schedule in 2026 and does not recommend washing the stone per his email to Smith. Recommendation made to contact Tim Skillings and Jerry Hotchkiss or get on Stuber’s work list for the future and wait it out.
10. New Events
 - A. May 23, 2026 – Spring Pancake Breakfast/Opening – Dan Tetty paranormal/Downsville history presentation or Tim Dotseth Downsville School dedication. Smith will apply for a Thrivent card; tent is reserved; need a poster for event. Volunteer suggestions: Weber/Wayne/Wittig boys, Ann Bates, Krist Winter, Mike & Jane Hulett, Andy Rabideau, and extras for set-up of tent and tables. Syrup donations, Smith, Price, Jenson. Whipped butter will be used this year.
11. Work days – schedule at April 13th meeting.
12. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 13th at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM AND THEN MOVE TO TOWN HALL.**
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary