

TOWN OF DUNN  
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
April 9, 2018

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Town Hall in Downsville.

Members present: President Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Luisa Fumagalli, Forrest Johnson, Lynnette Smith (new), and Vicki Price

Absent: John Miller, Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Smith to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. MC**
2. Vouchers: Distributed for review. It was noted that Nancy Doane contributed \$80 from cookbook sales.
3. Treasurers Report: February-March treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Cartwright to approve Luisa Fumagalli's request to clean/restore another Odd Fellows garment. MC**
4. Public Comment: There have been recent articles in the Dunn County News and Courier Wedge relating to the museum.
5. Committee Member to Replace Mark Weber: Lynnette Smith has agreed to serve on the Downsville Community Museum Committee replacing Mark Weber. Consensus was to recommend her as a committee member to the Town of Dunn Board for approval.
6. Water Issue Update: The Sanitary District water leak problem is not located under the museum but in another area in the district. It was noted that the correct water shutoff for the museum is located at the flagpole.
7. Donations:
  - A. Steve Haynes would like to donate a Haynes family bible, a historical book of President Letters, and a Life Magazine on John F. Kennedy. Discussion was held. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Cartwright to accept Steve Haynes' donation of the Haynes family bible, historical book of President Letters, and Life Magazine on John F. Kennedy. MC**
  - B. Wedding Dress: Luisa Fumagalli checked with the Goldstein Museum at the University of Minnesota about the old family wedding dress Joyce/Ted Hoyt would like to donate. They would be interested in seeing a picture before accepting it into their collection. Vicki will have them contact Jean McElvaih at 612-625-2737 and [jmcelvai@umn.edu](mailto:jmcelvai@umn.edu).
8. Displays:
  - A. Upstairs Meeting Room:
    - a. Picture Rail: Discussion held that this may work for the pictures now on doors. It was suggested to look at Dell's Architectural Antiques in Eau Claire for a picture rail that would match the existing rail in the hallway and kitchen/dining room.
    - b. Blueprint Hangar: Suzanne purchased a hangar to be used for maps and Odd Fellow pictures. It was also suggested to put the Odd Fellow catalog pictures in a sleeve and into its only folder/ledger size notebook. Lynnette has some sleeves that may work.
  - B. Upstairs Kitchen/Dining Area:
    - a. Clean-up is needed and decisions on items currently stored in this area. Luisa will also research the kitchen décor for the era. Another April meeting will be held to clean/sort items.
  - C. Downstairs Stone Quarry Display: Consensus to have the display remain where it is.
  - D. Downstairs Creamery Display: Consensus to have the display remain where it is.

- E. Downstairs Blacksmith Display: Discussion held regarding considering moving it to the cubby between the lumberjacks and the barber shop display.
  - F. Display Cases at Rassbach Museum: Two large and heavy display cases still need to be moved out of the Rassbach Museum to Downsville and ideally placed upstairs. Discussion was held that professional movers may be best. Vicki will contact Tim Rivard (mover) to find out options.
9. Project Updates:
- A. Dunn Energy Operation Roundup Grant: Grant application submitted by Vicki was distributed requesting funds for either electrical work in the shed and/or furnace/heat system for the museum.
  - B. 501C3 Status/Thrivent Financial: As a member of Thrivent financial Suzanne has requested \$250 for purchases for the spring pancake fundraiser event. She will receive this in the form of a gift card. She is meeting with a Thrivent representative this week regarding other options and what activities t Logging Table (Schley) –Steve Greene has been working on the table along with a friend and have some of the motors and pulley mechanisms working. He would prefer to have the table moved to its permanent location to complete the restoration. Discussion was held regarding how to get the table into the storage shed and possible permissions from the adjoining landowners needed.
  - C. Shed Display: The shed has some items that require the decision of whether to keep them or sell/dispose of them to make room for the Schley logging table. This will occur at another meeting in April. Also additional cement work is required around the edges of the shed and wiring. Suggestion was made to move the post office to the west side of the museum and extend the end of the pole shed toward the street to allow room for the Schley table, tool displays on the walls, and storage.
  - D. Bike Trail Museum Sign: Suggestion made to have the sign in the shape of the museum with a display area for information that could be updated. Downsville Walking Tour: Suzanne distributed a draft of a brochure giving information and instructions on the beginning of the walking tour of Downsville by following the map and dialing 715-664-6100 for the information on each site. It was suggested that this also be advertised on the bike trail sign.
  - E. May 26<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast: Suzanne and Vicki will coordinate purchase of supplies needed. It was suggested that John Miller contact Jason Wayne about the possibility of borrowing his tent in case of inclement weather. Weaving and spinning displays will be held 11am and on at the museum by Kathy Bauer (wagon wheel loom), Carol Thompson (spinning), and possibly Jan Erdman (sock knitting machine).
10. Volunteer Calendar: Review and sign-up at next meeting.
11. Work Dates/2<sup>nd</sup> April Meeting: **It was moved by Price and seconded by Smith to hold a second meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5:30pm at the museum to work/clean and make decisions on display areas. MC** The May 14<sup>th</sup> agenda will be considered at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Vicki Price, Secretary