

**TOWN OF DUNN**  
**DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE**  
**April 14, 2025**

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, April 14, 2025** at the Town Hall.

Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, and Vicki Price. Absent: John Stalter, Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa.

1. Notes of March 10, 2025 were reviewed.
2. April Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. 2024 Downsville Community Museum Annual Report prepared by Messa was reviewed.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Correspondence:
  - A. Email request from Tom Lowery of a picture of the outside of the blacksmith shop owned by his great grandpa Aaron Orrin. Lynnette responded with a picture and link to information in an Old Downsville Wisconsin webpage.
6. Walking Tour brochure draft developed by Smith was reviewed.
7. New Committee Member: Deb Hasse has expressed an interest in being on the Museum Committee in the future, although not available right now. A Town Board member will also need to be named replacing John Stalter.
8. Donations:
  - A. Vicki Price/Keith Lindstrom – donation of Downsville Farmers & Merchants State Bank bank. There is a bank currently on display and donated by Ron Hoyt.
  - B. Carol Wendt – 1925 History of Dunn County Wisconsin book. Museum currently has one.
  - C. John Thomas – train station cash register. Consensus was to accept.
  - D. Steve & Cindy Bates – 1937 Airline Radio from Montgomery Wards. Consensus was to accept.
  - E. Barbara Anderson - \$1,000 cash donation.
  - F. Jo Steinmeyer – double crosscut saw. Price will request a picture and dimensions.
9. Displays:
  - A. Check-out System for Museum Notebooks – Lynnette presented final record pages and checkout form.
  - B. Barbie Doll display – Price will be working with Nikki Harper on this for upstairs display cabinet.
  - C. Josie Siler will display her artwork at the May pancake breakfast and opening of season confirmed by Messa along with a birding event. Messa will revise pancake breakfast flyer to include these for posting.
  - D. Banned books – discussion/may not happen
  - E. Downstairs main wall display of local historical pictures of Downsville. A meeting will be set up with Jerry & Carol Beisterveld to see pictures he has that we may want to print off for display. Also some of the current pictures in the museum will be moved down to the main area. Suggestion made to do a slide show also.
10. Building/Maintenance:
  - A. Electrical Upgrade – Steve Quilling is currently completing the project.
  - B. Tuckpointing – Messa and Smith both have talked to HRM Heritage Restoration Masonry and Smith will request a quote.
  - C. Christmas lighting – Price will request a quote from Western Wisconsin Trim Light 715-308-7524.
  - D. Front entrance railing – Price will contact Jerold Olson for installation. Messa provided previous kit info.
  - E. Jake’s TV Repair sign – Johnson and Stalter will work on this and Price will contact Tim Rivard for help.
  - F. Front entrance awning – canvas awnings available from John Winter of Durand; Messa will request quote.
  - G. Post Office windows – Smith will contact Andersen Windows for quote.
  - H. Upstairs Fire Door – DeFlorin presented a quote from Andy Rabineau for the project. Quote accepted and he will start project for completion by the pancake breakfast.
  - I. Heating assessment – Smith has made contact with HVAC at CVTC and they will arrange for a time for them to take a look at the museum.
11. Events
  - A. Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 8-11am Spring Pancake Breakfast – Price has completed advertising; Messa will request a Thrivent card; Price has contacted volunteers Mark & Cory Weber, Scott Weber, and Mike & Jane Hulett.
12. Other
  - A. Work day at museum – Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am to clean and organize.
13. Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 12, at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM**.
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary