

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
April 8, 2024

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, April 8, 2024** 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 March 11, 2024 were reviewed.
2. April Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Jeff Hanson email inquiry of Downsville Day; Jeannette responded.
 - B. Cyndi Schauf email regarding if the museum is "pet friendly." Discussion was held and Suzanne will respond with the answer "no."
 - C. Discussion held regarding who should respond to emails received by the museum. Consensus was that anyone who is comfortable with answering the email should do so and also copy all committee members.
5. Pay Station Property: Lynnette has become involved in the 75th anniversary of the Dunn Co. Historical Society and discussion of the pay station was brought up at the last monthly meeting of the DCHS. They will have a facility team look at the building and determine what needs to be done and report back to the DCHS. The DCHS then decide if the building is something that would like to pursue or consider turning the building over to the Town of Dunn/Museum Committee.
6. Donations: None
7. Displays:
 - A. Military Experience Display: Lynnette is working on this and has been contacting a list of people. Vicki will contact families of Larry Ziehl, Jim Brandenburg, Dennis Weber and Bill Watland. Lynnette will contact Len Snider, Mike Radle, Martha Stratton, Steve Haynes (also Maggie Hanyes), and Cody Christianson. Lynnette will also contact the Dunn Co. Veterans Affairs office for a list of personnel serving from the Town of Dunn.
 - B. Barbie Doll Display: Vicki will be working with Vicki Schreik to display part of her collection for the upstairs main room case.
 - C. Phone display will remain upstairs and be expanded by Suzanne.
 - D. Logging display will be worked on in May by the committee members and hopefully Gary Cummings when he returns from Oklahoma.
8. Saturday Classes: Price indicated that Jan Szalai indicated he does not have additional material to present classes. Other suggestions were: shitake mushrooms (Richard Thomas or Gary Sol – Vicki will contact); sourdough (?); wagon wheel weaving (Kathy Bauer); paranormal visits to museum (Suzanne will contact); and a Frank Smoot presentation.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Matt Messa reported on progress and asked for input on installing a utility sink in the bathroom. Consensus was to install a utility sink and a cabinet on casters go replace the existing cabinet.
 - B. Side entrance railing and steps can be stabilized and suggestion was made to paint the side entrance door.
 - C. Front entrance railing – consensus was to have 2 side railings up the first 2 steps; Suzanne will contact an Eau Claire Company for options and pricing to report at the May meeting.
 - D. Post Office – Suzanne will paint inside and outside of the post office white. The windows need to be replaced in the future.
10. Events:
 - A. Opening and Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 25th: Breakfast will be 8-11am with museum remaining open until 3pm. Thrivent card received; sausage ordered from Al Ziehl; tent reserved from Jason Wayne; advertisements are done; and poster is ready. Maple syrup is being donated by Mike & Jane Hulett, Dennis Weber, Vicki Price, and Suzanne will contact Jensen's. Volunteers: Mike & Jane Hulett, Rose Nowaskey, Michelle Lecander. Mark & Cory Weber and Scott Weber's sons Louie and Mac have been contacted. Jane

will purchase 400 plates and contact the Timber Inn for butter patties; Lynnette will contact John & Diane Creaser for milk donation.

11. **Work Days – Thursday, May 9, at 9am at the museum.** Other work days will be scheduled at May 13th meeting.
12. Other – Lynnette indicated that as a member of the DCHS 75th anniversary committee she has suggested a road rally tour. Buildings she would like to be on the tour in Downsville are Timber Inn, Scatterbrain, Museum, Creamery, Dunnville School. It was suggested to add the little red house as it was previously a bar and moved from it's original location now occupied by West Wisconsin Telcom. History is needed on these sites.
13. Set Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 13th at 5:30pm at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Vicki Price, Secretary