

**TOWN OF DUNN**  
**DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE**  
**May 12, 2025**

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, May 12, 2025** at the Museum.

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. Committee member replacing John Stalter has not been determined yet.
2. Notes of April 14, 2025 were reviewed.
3. May Treasurers Report was reviewed.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Correspondence:
  - A. Potter's would like to schedule a tour of 12 people on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm (alt. date August 26<sup>th</sup>)
6. Donations:
  - A. Suzanne Messa – 3 pictures of the Bradford/Doane family connection to be researched.
  - B. Wally Cutler – 1878 book property of the Downsville State Grading System 2.
  - C. Jane DeFlorin – Creamery banner made in Guatemala.
  - D. Jane DeFlorin – Certificate for Farmers & Merchant State Bank dated 1916 with bank opening May 1917.
  - E. Vicki Price – old box phone for telephone display.
  - F. Jane DeFlorin & Richard Thomas – griddle for pancake breakfasts.
7. Displays:
  - A. Barbie Doll display – Price is working with Nikki Harper on this for upstairs display cabinet.
  - B. Josie Siler will display her artwork at the May pancake breakfast and opening of season confirmed by Messa along with a birding event on the trail.
  - C. Wall of historic pictures – Jerry & Carol Beisterveld have compiled a CD.
  - D. Carol Wendt Pin display – Smith has completed.
  - E. Suggestion made to have a notebook for people visiting the museum to write their memories of Downsville.
  - F. Clean upstairs dining room removing items in the corner behind the screen to display old radio.
8. Saturday Classes – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month. Ask people to preregister at pancake breakfast.
  - A. Growing Mushrooms – Richard Thomas (June tentative)
  - B. Weaving - Kathy Bauer (July tentative)
  - C. Crochet for Beginners – Suzanne Messa (August tentative)
  - D. Suggestion made for Show & Tell at Spring 2026 pancake breakfast.
9. Building/Maintenance:
  - A. Electrical Upgrade – completed
  - B. Tuckpointing – HRM Heritage Restoration Masonry has viewed the project and will send an estimate.
  - C. Christmas lighting – Western Wisconsin Trim Light 715-308-7524 is out of business; Price will pursue.
  - D. Front entrance railing – Jerold Olson will complete project by pancake breakfast.
  - E. Jake's TV Repair sign – No progress
  - F. Front entrance awning – canvas awnings available from John Winter of Durand; Messa will request quote.
  - G. Post Office windows – Smith contacted Andersen Windows for quote which was too high, seeking options.
  - H. Upstairs Fire Door – Andy Rabineau working on the project with completion by pancake breakfast.
  - I. Heating assessment – Smith contacted HVAC at CVTC and they will arrange for a time after semester ends.
10. Events
  - A. Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 8-11am Spring Pancake Breakfast – Price has completed advertising; Messa has requested a Thrivent card; 80 lbs sausage ordered; tent reserved; posters done; Smith will contact Creaser's for milk; DeFlorin will purchase fruit and supplies when card arrives. Syrup – Dennis Weber, Jay Weber, Jeanette Daines, Vicki Price, and Messa will contact Jensen's.
  - B. Volunteers – Mike & Jane Hulett, Ann Bates, Rose Nowaskey confirmed. (Since meeting Mark & Cory Weber not available or Louie & Mac Weber or Kris Winter.)
11. **Work Days – Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.**
12. Saturday Open Days – May 31 – Suzanne Messa; June 7 – Jane DeFlorin; June 14 – Lynnette Smith; June 21 – Vicki Price
13. Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 9th, at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM**.
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Vicki Price, Secretary