

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
May 8, 2023

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, May 8, 2023** at the Museum.

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

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by DeFlorin and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023. MC**
2. Vouchers: Reviewed
3. Treasurers Report: **It was moved by Price and seconded by DeFlorin to approve the May Treasurers Report. MC**
4. Public Comment: None
5. Correspondence:
 - A. Email from Peggy Campbell regarding a postcard book and inquiring if the museum would be interested in it. Messa has responded indicating interest.
6. Donations:
 - A. Willie and Julie Lorenz: Wooden wall phone and pitcher with bowl. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Cartwright to accept the Willie and Julie Lorenz donation of wooden wall phone and pitcher with bowl. MC**
 - B. Dunn County Historical Society extra copies of 2008 and 2016 Dunn County Platbooks.
7. Insurance: On Town of Dunn May 10 agenda. Messa will attend meeting.
8. Displays
 - A. Price is working with Kris Winter on vintage purse display.
 - B. Price is working with Jan Szalai on class schedule to be held at the museum..
 - C. West Wisconsin Telephone and old phones display.
 - D. Logging display work will resume when Gary Cummings returns from their return.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Exit Signs – Installed except for 1 which they will return to do. Picture of project sent to Dunn Energy.
 - B. Fire extinguishers – Town was going to provide.
 - C. Post Office – in progress. Windows needed and inside contents of building needed to be installed.
 - D. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Price still trying to find someone for the project.
 - E. Gutters – Installed and waiting for an extension piece on the museum gutter.
 - F. Tuckpointing – Contact with Jason Kuk of J&B Masonry for completion is continuing.
 - G. Landscaping around storage shed – Derrick Mensing will be providing an estimate for the project and will be able to complete sometime this summer.
10. Dunn Energy Round Up Grant:
 - A. March 31st deadline submission was Liberty Exteriors gutters for museum and storage shed and it was denied. Next deadline is June 30th and landscaping estimate will be submitted if we have it.
11. Events:
 - A. Spring Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 8-11am. Local authors Josie Siler and Deb King. Messa distributed a flyer/poster for the event.
 - Smith has received the Thrivent card and given to DeFlorin for supplies; tent is reserved; sausage is ordered; Creasers will provide milk which Smith will order; LP tank for grill may need to be refilled.
 - Volunteers: Mike & Jane Hulett, Michelle Lecander, Rose Nowaskey, Ann Bates
 - B. Downsville Elementary School 4th & 5th graders will visit the museum on Tuesday May 30th at 1pm.
12. Jan Szalai Classes: Price provided class list: June 3 12:30-2:30pm– Basic Solar Class; July 1 12:30-2:30pm – Basic Herbalism & 26 Plants That Every Wisconsinite and/or Homesteader Should Know About; August 5 12:30-2:30pm – Food Preservation; and August 26 2:00-4:00pm – Survival Bags. Working on schedule for posting.
13. Committee Member Replacing Dennis Weber: John Stalter was welcomed.
14. Building Work Opening: Water will be turned on May 1st with work day scheduled on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 1pm.
15. Other
 - A. More lights needed in the museum, some are burnt out.
 - B. Saturday Museum Volunteers: June 3 – Smith; June 10 – Messa; June 17 – DeFlorin; July 1 - Price
16. Additional Work Days: Tuesday, May 23rd at 1pm to clean shed and finish museum.
17. Set Next Meeting Date –June 12th at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Vicki Price, Secretary