

TOWN OF DUNN  
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
June 10, 2019

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Museum.  
Members present: President Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Luisa Fumagalli, Forrest Johnson, John Miller, and Vicki Price

Absent: Lynnette Smith, Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Cartwright to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019. MC**
2. Vouchers: Reviewed
3. Treasurers Report: **It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Price to approve the June 2019 Museum Committee treasurer's report. MC**
4. Public Comment:
  - A. Suzanne reported that Parco has looked at the upstairs windows and are completing repairs needed.
5. Donations:
  - A. Luisa indicated that David Sommers had a rock collection that the family may be willing to loan to the museum for display upstairs in the cabinet. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Cartwright to pursue loaning the David Sommers rock collection. MC**
  - B. Suzanne Messa indicated that the Downsville Pay Station may become available. Consensus was we are interested but more discussion is needed and the building needs to become available.
  - C. Wally Cutler: 1948 Intelligence, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. Downsville School publication. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Miller to accept the donation of the 1948 Intelligence, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed., Downsville School publication from Wally Cutler. MC**
  - D. Doris (Morgan) & Joe Meyer: WWI pictures and accommodation from Merchants State Bank & Knapp Mining & Investment Co., and picture of the Downsville octagon school. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Fumagalli to accept the donation of WWI pictures, accommodation, and Downsville octagon school picture from Doris (Morgan) & Joe Meyer. MC**
  - E. Art McNaughton: Picture of Waubeek School with student names. **It was moved by price and seconded by Johnson to accept the Art McNaught donation of the picture of the Waubeek School and students. MC**
  - F. Gary Cummings: Louis Hermann receipts. **It was moved by Price and seconded by Miller to accept the donation of Louis Hermann receipts from Gary Cummings. MC**
  - G. Jerry & Carol Beisterveld: Traveling Reverend James Gurley article: **It was moved by Miller and seconded by Cartwright to accept the donation of the traveling Reverend James Gurley article from Jerry & Carol Beisterveld. MC**
6. Project Updates:
  - A. Discover Downsville Discount Card: Vicki will check with Timber Inn and Cubby's to see if they will sell cards at their establishments.
  - B. Post Office: Concrete slab has been poured. Marlene Huley previously donated \$2,000 for the post office renovation. Comment was made that a stamp collection would be a good addition for display.
  - C. Bids for Storage Shed Extension: Written bid has not yet been received from Lonnie Yoder for a 16 foot extension and 4 foot porch to be completed by mid-August. John Miller will trying contacting him.
  - D. Trail Sign: Suzanne is working on this.
  - E. Walking Tour: Signs are out and all businesses have access to their own voice mail message to change or update it as needed. Those businesses have been asked for a \$10/year donation. The monthly phone bill charge is \$10/month which Suzanne has been covering.
  - F. Cabinet Display Lighting: Luisa indicated that Frank Smoot looked at the Odd Fellows display cabinet upstairs and made some recommendations. Consensus was she should order 2 sets of lights for the display.
  - G. Dunn Energy Round-Up Grant: Vicki reported the deadline for submission was June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - H. June 4<sup>th</sup> Downsville Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit: Vicki reported 17 students and their teacher attended. They were interested in the gumball machine and old typewriter. It was suggested to put the old typewriter in the display cabinet and have the newer typewriter out for the kids to use as the old typewriter has no ribbon and has sticky keys. Suzanne suggested that an old rotary phone would also be fun for the kids.
  - I. Sinking Stairs: Vicki will see if Darren Hemauer will look at the stairs and give an opinion.

**7. Other Events/Reports:**

- A. Pancake Breakfast & Dan Phillips Art Show – May 25, 2019: Pancake breakfast was a success serving 300! Dan Phillips art display was enjoyed by all and Frank Smoot asked him to display his artwork at the Rassbach Museum this fall.
  - B. Suggestion was made to have an exhibit of Jim Daines photography either during Downsville Day or next spring for the museum opening. Vicki will contact him.
  - C. Durand Museum volunteer indicated that she would be willing to do a Caddie Woodlawn historical tour/talk during Downsville Day.
  - D. A future display idea to pursue is Don Hayden's milk bottle and milk cap collection to loan.
- 8. Museum Work Schedule & Opening/Closing Procedures:** Reviewed. Sheets will also be available to be completed by the volunteer to report the visitors, sales, and any excitement.
- 9. Other:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Vicki Price, Secretary