

**TOWN OF DUNN**  
**DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE**  
**June 12, 2023**

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, June 12, 2023** at the Museum.

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

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **Minutes of May 8, 2023 was reviewed correcting 11B to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.**
2. Vouchers: None
3. Treasurers Report: **June treasurers report was reviewed and accepted.**
4. Public Comment:
  - A. Jean Kannel's husband Don passed away and they have contributed items to the museum.
  - B. Suzanne indicated that it has been pointed out by the town clerk that only the town board members (Forrest Johnson and John Stalter) who are on the museum committee can make motions and vote as indicated when Don Heit established the museum committee when the museum was purchased back from the county in 2015.
5. Correspondence:
  - A. Peggy Campbell's postcard collection book has been received.
  - B. Noah Kunz has expressed interest in doing an internship with the museum and a time to discuss the internship will be arranged.
  - C. Sandy Pickerign has expressed an interest in donating one of her Hay Creek School paintings to the museum.
6. Donations:
  - A. Check donations given at the pancake breakfast totaling \$815 included was a check of \$300 from Emilio Bettaglio to continue documenting and copying items related to the Hay Creek School.
  - B. Patty Martinson would like to donate a chicken crate stamped from the AB Flick business. Consensus was to accept this donation.
  - C. Ben Powers has a shed full of items that he would like us to look over to see if there are items of interest.
7. Insurance: As owners of the museum meeting, the Town of Dunn Board voted at their May meeting to pay the insurance for the building and contents.
8. Displays
  - A. Price is continuing to work with Kris Winter on vintage purse display.
9. Building/Maintenance:
  - A. Fire extinguishers/Exit Signs – Discussion was held regarding no exit light over the front exit door which will require additional wiring; consensus was to wait until the next fire inspection. Discussion was held regarding the need for probably 3 35-lb extinguishers (shed, museum 2 floors) and if the town would pay for these, as they are required as a result of the fire inspection. Forrest indicated this will be discussed at the town board meeting this month.
  - B. Landscaping – no estimate yet.
  - C. Gutter extension – Price will contact Liberty Siding on status.
  - D. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Price is continuing to find Amish contacts through a couple of people who have hired them for their building projects.
10. Dunn Energy Round Up Grant – June 30<sup>th</sup> Deadline: Smith will seek an estimate for landscaping from Derrick Mensing to be submitted.
11. Events:
  - A. May 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Pancake Breakfast: Approximately 320 people were served with a fair weather day. Both authors Josie Siler and Debra King made sales and enjoyed talking to people and Sandy Pickerign's painting of the Hay Creek School was a draw also. We could not have done this without the help of the volunteers.
  - B. May 30<sup>th</sup> Downsville Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders visit : Approximately 40 students attended with 2 teachers and a volunteer spending an hour learning about the museum and the area.
  - C. June 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Szalai class on Solar Energy: Five people attended the whole class with Jan doing a very good job. Set-up for the class will be changed to using one side of the museum so other visitors to the museum can do so without interrupting the class. Jan's next class will be held July 1<sup>st</sup>.
12. Museum Attendance Reports
  - A. June 3 (Smith) 14 visitors; \$12 food sales; \$11 donations; and 5 attended solar class
  - B. June 10 (Mesa) 6 visitors; \$16 donations

**13. Museum Saturday Volunteers**

- A. June 17 – Jane DeFlorin
- B. June 24 – Suzanne Messa
- C. July 1 – Vicki Price
- D. July 8 – Lynnette Smith
- E. July 15 – Jane DeFlorin
- F. July 22 – Vicki Price
- G. July 29 – Suzanne Messa

**14. Building Work Opening:** Water will be turned on May 1<sup>st</sup> with work day scheduled on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1pm.

**15. Other - none**

**16. Set Next Meeting Date –July 10th at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM**.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Vicki Price, Secretary