

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
June 8, 2026

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, June 8, 2026** at the Town Hall.

Present: Suzanne Messa, Forrest Johnson, Arlene Cartwright, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, and Vicki Price.

Absent: Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa

1. Notes of May 11, 2026 were reviewed.
2. June Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment:
 - A. West Wisconsin Telcom Office in Downsville has closed their doors.
 - B. Jan "Rabbit" Fager passed away.
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Menomonie Minute publication has published the Museum class schedule for 2026.
 - B. Craig Thibado email concerning sandstone.
 - C. Pancake Breakfast thank yous were signed.
5. Donations:
 - A. Emilio Bettaglio - \$500
 - B. Dent Sykora – 1 gallon maple syrup
 - C. Wayne Thibado – stone hammer and news article
 - D. Bugs Cartwright - \$50
 - E. Menomonie Lions Club - \$1,500 for ramp
 - F. Travis Smith – stairway plaster and paint repair
 - G. West Wisconsin Telcom – mug and calendars
 - H. Little Elk Creek Church 12 folding chairs
6. 2026 Classes/Presentations – Published in Menomonie Minute. Poster will be developed. The Thrivent card used for class materials will also be used to purchase 6 \$20-gift cards at Scatterbrain for class presentors and to Levi Anderson for tractor display.
 - A. Marie Young – What Birds Can Teach Us – June 6th at 1pm
 - B. Kathy Bauer – Weaving – June 20th at 1pm
 - C. Tim Dotseth – "What's It?" session – July 11th at noon-2pm
 - D. Richard Thomas – Sour Dough Bread – July 18th at 1pm
 - E. Steve Hogseth – Prairie Restoration – August 15 at 1-2:30pm
 - F. Cindy Brown – Chippewa Valley Bean History – August 23 at 12-12:30pm
7. Displays
 - A. Downsville School – good comments received on the display; we are still accepting pictures and articles.
8. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Wood ramp/stairs replacement – Menomonie Lions Club give of \$1,500 has been received. Work will begin after Downsville Day.
 - B. Jail Placement – Slab work completed and jail set by Matt Messa. Can be edged with stone.
 - C. Stairway Plaster Repair – Completed and donated by Travis Smith.
 - D. Jake's TV Repair sign – No progress (Johnson project).
 - E. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - F. Post Office windows – Smith will check with the Amish to complete project.
 - G. Heating assessment – Smith has contacted CVTC and no response yet.
 - H. Wik's Store sign donated by John and Amy Stalter – no progress (Johnson project)
 - I. Sandblasting Museum – Price checked with Tim Skillings and Jerry Hotchkiss who indicated they would be able to complete the project although they felt that the stone was in good condition and color and should be left as is. Need to check if north end still needs tuckpointing work.
 - J. Sandstone Use – Consensus was to use donated stone for the ramp first and then the jail if enough stone. Rock needs to be moved from Pfeilsticker's to Craig Thibado's which may require a moving fee paid to Jeremy Radle.

- K. Tiles with Laser Image of Museum – Mike Hulett is experimenting and dropped off a couple samples. He would donate tiles and lasering to be sold at the museum. Smith has sent him some more images to use.
- L. July Fire extinguisher maintenance.
- M. Need to clean out Town Hall storage area and upstairs closet at museum.
- 9. Saturday Coverage Reports:
 - A. May 30 (Messa) - 8 visitors, \$15 donation, and \$6 food
 - B. June 6 (DeFlorin & Daines) – 20 visitors, \$15 donations, \$8 food – birding class was held.
- 10. Saturday Museum Coverage 11am-3pm: June 20 – Price; June 27 – Messa; July 4 – Price; July 11 – Smith; July 18 – DeFlorin. Suggestion made to serve free ice cream on July 4th.
- 11. Events Report
 - A. May 23, 2026 – Spring Pancake Breakfast/Opening – was a success serving approximately 400 people. Over \$3,400 raised/donated.
- 12. Next Meeting Date – Monday, July 13, at 5:30 at the MUSEUM.
- 13. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary