

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
June 9, 2025

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, June 9, 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 is Arlene Cartwright. Welcome!
2. Notes of May 12, 2025 were reviewed.
3. June Treasurers Report was reviewed.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Correspondence:
 - A. Potter's Home has scheduled a tour of 12 people on Tuesday, August 19th, at 1:30pm (alt. date August 26th)
 - B. Birding Walk from 8-10am on May 24th day of pancake breakfast went well.
6. Donations:
 - A. John Mandel – patriarch militant ceremonial sword – Odd Fellows Protector. Consensus to accept.
 - B. Mark Weber – Wood/glass cabinet. Consensus to accept.
 - C. Emilio Bettaglio \$500.
7. Walking Tour Map/Brochure – Lynnette Smith has completed. The maps will be available at the Red Cedar Trail Head office, Scatterbrain and The Creamery.
8. Display Updates:
 - A. Josie Siler has a new aerial photo of Downsville taken during her birthday helicopter ride and she would like to display a copy in the museum on the historical pictures wall.
9. Saturday Classes – 3rd Saturday of Month – people were asked to preregister at pancake breakfast.
 - A. Growing Mushrooms – Richard Thomas (July tentative)
 - B. Weaving - Kathy Bauer (August tentative)
 - C. Crochet for Beginners – Suzanne Messa (June tentative)
 - D. Suggestion made for Show & Tell at Spring 2026 pancake breakfast.
10. Lawn Mowing Schedule: Lawn should be mowed and weed whipped either Thursday or Friday with the person manning the museum that Saturday in charge of mowing that week. Suzanne and Jane can give mower demo.
11. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Tuckpointing – HRM Heritage Restoration Masonry will submit an estimate in the next 2 weeks.
 - B. Christmas lighting –Price continuing to pursue.
 - C. Front entrance railing – Jerold Olson of Elk Valley Construction has installed 1 railing; consensus to have him install a second railing.
 - D. Jake's TV Repair sign – No progress
 - E. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - F. Post Office windows – Smith continuing to pursue.
 - G. Upstairs Fire Door – Andy Rabineau has completed the project.
 - H. Heating assessment – Smith will be meeting the CVTC HVAC instructor this Thursday at 10am at the museum.
12. Events Report
 - A. Saturday, May 24th, 8-11am Spring Pancake Breakfast – Served approximately 325 meals with good weather. Suggestion made to order 2 recycling bins.
13. Saturday Open Days – June 28 – Suzanne Messa; July 5 – Lynnette Smith; July 12 – Jane DeFlorin; July 19 – Vicki Price; July 26 – Lynnette Smith.
14. Museum Saturday Reports: May 31 – Messa – 10 visitors; \$7 food; \$25 donations; June 7 – DeFlorin – 11 visitors; \$5 mug sales; \$7 donations.
15. New Events:
 - A. Saturday, August 23rd, 8-11am – Downsville Day. Need a poster and a Thrivent card.
16. Next Meeting Date – Monday, July 14th, at 5:30pm at the **MUSEUM**.
17. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary