

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
July 13, 2026

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, July 13, 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 June 8, 2026 were reviewed.
2. July Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Email received by Messa regarding interest in donating old rotary phones.
 - B. Thank yous and a \$20 gift certificate have been sent to Marie Young and Dan Petty. Other presenter thank yous will be signed and sent at August 10th meeting.
5. Keys: Museum keys were distributed to Forrest Johnson, Arlene Cartwright and Jeanette Daines.
6. Donations:
 - A. Wayne Thibado – Corn planter and hay cutter
 - B. Grant Steves – “History of Louisville School Building 1858-1959”
 - C. Dave Solie – Downsville School pictures and stores in Downsville
7. 2026 Classes/Presentations –
 - A. Tim Dotseth – “What’s It?” session – July 11th at noon-2pm – One item brought in was a wrench for a horse drawn Catapillar grader. Tim also brought some interesting agricultural tools which were discussed. Tim is interested in holding a session next year at the museum.
 - B. Paranormal Investigation by Dan Petty – Price indicated Dan Petty has indicated an interest in conducting a paranormal investigation at the museum which could be held on a Saturday during the open hours of 11am-3pm. Consensus is to schedule the investigation for August 1 or August 8.
8. Displays
 - A. Suggestion was made to display brochures for other venues at the museum. Messa will work on this.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Table/Cupboard in kitchen area – DeFlorin indicated interest in donating a cupboard and formica tabletop to replace the table in the kitchen area. Consensus was to replace the table.
 - B. Sandstone Use: Sandstone donated by Pfeilsticker’s to Craig Thibado’s residence.
 - C. Tuckpointing of North End of museum – Smith reported that Peter has assessed the museum building and feels that there is not a need for work at this time. North end is stable but there are some other areas that could use work in the future and encouraged us to wait a few years and then do it all of those areas.
 - D. Wood ramp/stairs replacement – Menomonie Lions Club give of \$1,500 has been received. Work will begin after Downsville Day.
 - E. Jake’s TV Repair sign – No progress (Johnson project).
 - F. Front entrance awning – Messa continuing to pursue.
 - G. Post Office windows – Smith will check with the Amish to complete project.
 - H. Heating assessment – Smith has contacted CVTC and no response yet.
 - I. Wik’s Store sign donated by John and Amy Stalter – no progress (Johnson project)
 - J. July Fire extinguisher maintenance has been completed.
 - K. Dave Smith has made a shelf to be used in the shed for the lawnmower batteries. Batteries should not be left plugged in and charging when no one is at the museum.
 - L. Tiles with Laser Image of Museum – Tim Dotseth recommended that the name of the building and location of Downsville, WI be on the tiles donated by Mike Hulett.
10. Saturday Coverage Reports:
 - A. June 13 (Smith) - 11 visitors, \$94 donation, \$4 book, \$10 pancake mix and \$6 food
 - B. June 20 (Price) – 5 visitors, \$20 donations, \$2 food
 - C. June 27 (Messa) – 8 visitors, \$1 donation
 - D. July 4 (Price) – 19 visitors, \$37 donations, \$15 book, \$20 pancake mixes, \$1 food. Smith painted rocks and some were distributed and free ice cream was given away in honor of 250 Year Anniversary.

E. July 11 (Smith) – 15 visitors, \$12 donations, \$5 food

11. Saturday Museum Coverage 11am-3pm: July 18 – DeFlorin; July 25 – Messa; August 1 – Price; August 8 - Smith

12. Events

A. August 22, 2026 – Downsville Day Pancake Breakfast: Smith will apply for Thrivent Card; Messa will work on poster; Price will do advertising; DeFlorin will order 90 lbs sausage. Pancake mixes will be needed to sell. There is a supply of syrup. Usual volunteers will be contacted and Price will check that a tent has been ordered.

13. Next Meeting Date – Monday, August 10, at 5:30 at the **MUSEUM**.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Vicki Price, Secretary