

TOWN OF DUNN  
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE  
September 10, 2018

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Downsville Community Museum

Members present: President Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Luisa Fumagalli, Forrest Johnson, John Miller, Lynnette Smith, Craig Thibado and Vicki Price

Guests: Jane DeFlorin, Richard Thomas and Steve Greene

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Messa.

1. Minutes: **It was moved by Price and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of August 13, 2018 with the correction in 6A to Rassbach Museum and co-worker Rob Kay. MC**
2. Vouchers: Reviewed
3. Treasurers Report: **It was moved by Smith and seconded by Fumagalli to approve the August 2018 Museum Committee treasurer's report. MC**
4. Public Comment: Vicki is working on the 2019 Discover Downsville Discount Card and hopes to have the cards available in October.
5. Jane & Richard Grill: Discussion was held regarding the idea of the museum purchasing the grill used for the pancake breakfasts and storing it because it is very heavy. This will be placed on a future agenda.
6. Donations:
  - A. Gary Cummings: Articles not submitted yet.
  - B. Ron Hoyt: Downsville bank piggy bank and K&S checks: **It was moved by Messa and seconded by Cartwright to accept the donation of a Downsville Farmers Merchant State Bank piggy bank and checks from Ron Hoyt. MC**
7. Project Updates:
  - A. Building Permit/Setback Variance Request/Town Permit: On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Dunn Co. Board of Adjustments approved the request for a setback from Cty Road C and from the Hilmanowski property line to move the post office to the front left side of the museum and to allow extension of the storage shed 19 feet to the area vacated by the post office. Permit fee was \$400 and also includes the building permit. Vicki will complete the form for the Town of Dunn building permit fee of \$10.
  - B. Museum Trail Sign: Suzanne has found a volunteer to work on this project.
  - C. Walking Tour: Suzanne has made additional revisions and will add the Ole Corn Store which is now the Timber Ghost Reality business. Walking tour phone number is 715-664-6100.
  - D. Heating/Cooling System: Vicki has not received pricing information on the mini-split units at American Fireplace in Menomonie.
  - E. Moving Post Office: Matt Messa and Cliff Genzler will take on this project and will remove the mailboxes inside the post office and replace the floor prior to moving it onto a poured slab to the left (west) of the museum.
  - F. Bids for Storage Shed Extension: Steve Johnson has indicated he will be placing a bid. Discussion was held that the walnut tree may have to be removed because of the root system.
8. August 25 Pancake Breakfast/Downsville Day Report/Thank Yous: The pancake breakfast and Downsville Day in general went very well and there was good attendance. People were pleased with the progress at the museum. Thank you notes were signed to be mailed to volunteers and donors.
9. Saturday Opening Reports: 8-12-18 Red Cedar Antique Auto Club meeting - \$100 donation; 8-18-18 had 9 visitors and \$16 in donations; 8-21-18 had \$5 donation; 9-1-18 had 2 visitors and no donations; 9-8-18 had 8 visitors and \$11 in donations.
10. Volunteer Calendar: 9-19-18 Durand Red Hat Society tour (1pm) manned by Lynnette Smith; 9-15-18 will be manned by Suzanne Messa; 9-22-18 Fedie Family Reunion tour (10:30am) will be manned by Suzanne Messa & Vicki Price; 9-29-18 no volunteers.
11. Tax Exempt Status: Suzanne will write a letter to request continuation of the museum's tax exempt status; this needs to be done annually.
12. Other Events:
  - A. Red Cedar Antique Auto Club meeting on Sunday, 8-12-18
  - B. Durand Red Hat Society tour on Monday, 9-19-18 at 1pm (Smith)
  - C. Fedie Reunion tour on Saturday, 9-22-18 at 10:30am

- D. Dunn County Historical Society Display: This will be a temporary (1-2 month) display at the Rassbach Museum in a 10x12 ft room. Other museums will also have a turn at a display. Consensus was to focus on our Odd Fellows display. More discussion will be held at the October meeting.
  - E. Dan Phillips Art Show: Discussion was held to contact Dan Phillips to display his earlier paintings of the Town of Dunn/Downsville area along with his current artwork at the museum either at the spring Memorial weekend pancake breakfast or August 2019 Downsville Day pancake breakfast.
  - F. Halloween/Trick or Treating: Consensus was to have the museum open on Wednesday, 10/31/18, afternoon for the Downsville Elementary students and also that evening for trick or treating as we have done in the past.
- 13.** Correspondence: Galen Erickson family links for diaries online at <http://wwwcs.uwstout.edu/lb/archives/genealogy.cfm> and link to John Russell articles online at [http://archives.lib.uwstout.edu/ics-wpd/russell\\_collectio/index.shtml](http://archives.lib.uwstout.edu/ics-wpd/russell_collectio/index.shtml)
- 14.** Set October 8, 2018 Agenda: We will move our meetings to the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Vicki Price, Secretary