

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
September 9, 2024

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, September 9, 2024** at the Museum.
Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, John Stalter, and Vicki Price. Absent: Jeanette Daines, Craig Thibado

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa.

1. Notes of August 12, 2024 were reviewed.
2. September Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Schedule of Anticipated Expenditures was reviewed.
4. Public Comment:
 - A. Jeanette had an accident coming home from South Dakota. Wishing her a speedy recovery.
5. Correspondence: Pancake Breakfast volunteer and donor thank you notes were signed.
6. Donations:
 - A. Jerry Biesterveld has donated 2 discs containing pictures of Downsville Day pancake breakfast and also the museum school display.
 - B. Doris & Bob Rasmusson have donated a shoemakers stretcher tool – item accepted.
 - C. Wally Cutler has donated a Fred Borm receipt – item accepted.
 - D. Jake Spaeth’s TV Repair outdoor sign has been donated by Dairy State Bank – help is needed to get it out.
 - E. Carol Wendt has donated various vintage pins, hat pins, buttoners, and medals – items accepted for a collage.
7. Displays:
 - A. Consensus to purchase another laptop to be used for displays from the UW-Stout auction – Lynnette
 - B. Carol Wendt has additional military items that we may wish to add to our smaller display.
 - C. Military display of uniforms and pictures on the wall is down. Slide show and notebook displays continue.
 - D. Clock display is down and will be replaced with a Barbie doll display for 2025 – Vicki
8. Saturday Classes: August 17 – Show & Tell Time - none
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Fire Extinguisher Check – inspector came through and put new tags on 3 extinguishers.
 - B. Front entrance railing – ProBuild has kits that may work and be less expensive.
 - C. Front entrance door – Andy Rabideau submitted a bid to replace the rivets and hardware which are rusting with stainless steel rivets. Accepted.
 - D. Side entrance doors (2) – Andy Rabideau submitted bid to sand and refinish using penetrating oil. Accepted.
 - E. Front entrance awning – this was suggested to help prevent sun damage to front door.
 - F. Utility sink – installed and was very helpful to have for pancake breakfast thanks to Matt Messa.
 - G. Tuckpointing – Price will continue to work on getting a bid from Jerry Hotchkiss.
 - H. Electrical upgrade – this project may start by the end of this week. Suggestion was made to add an additional ceiling fan on the first floor to help combat the humidity problem in the building.
10. Events Report:
 - A. Downsville Day Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, August 24th, 8-11am: Good weather and good turnout for the day over all with the museum serving approximately 460 plates.
 - B. Downsville Day – Kathy Bauer weaving class at 11am outside went well and she sold some of her rugs.
11. Events:
 - A. Halloween – October 31st, 4-6pm. Deflorin has a Thrivent card and Smith will make purchases. Price will check with school on status of Halloween Day parade.
 - B. Pictures with Santa and Silent Auction event will be held Sunday, December 1st, 11am-1pm: Santa is available. Silent auction will be held with suggestion to add some baked goods to the sale.
12. Museum Opening Reports: August 17 (Vicki) - 11 visitors, \$19 donations, \$8 food, \$10 mug. August 31 (Suzanne) - 10 visitors, \$62 donations, \$10 note cards.
13. 2025 Classes – suggestions were to have Richard Thomas (mushrooms) and Kathy Bauer (rug weaving) return and continue with Show & Tell days plus adding a paranormal session reporting on their experiences at the museum.
14. Next Meeting Date – Monday, October 14th at 5:30pm at the **TOWN HALL**.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Vicki Price, Secretary