

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
May 13, 2024

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, May 13, 2024** at the Museum.

Present: Suzanne Messa, Arlene Cartwright, Forrest Johnson, Jeanette Daines, Jane DeFlorin, Lynnette Smith, John Stalter, and Vicki Price. Absent: Craig Thibado

Guest: Aaron Kohn

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Messa.

1. Notes of April 8, 2024 were reviewed.
2. May Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Email received from Chiemi Freund an organizer with a sketching group “Urban Sketchers Chippewa Valley” and they would like to sketch the museum and also be here on May 25th to do more sketches of the building and also people. Suzanne talked to them at the museum on Saturday. Consensus was this would be a fun event.
 - B. Cyndi Schauf email regarding if the museum is “pet friendly.” Jeanette indicated that she responded with a no answer to this email.
 - C. Email received from Kathy Peterson inquiring when the museum was open to do some genealogy searching. Suzanne happen to meet her at the Rassbach Museum and the names of their search were determined not to be tied to the Town of Dunn.
5. Pay Station Property: Lynnette reported that 4 members of the Dunn Co. Historical Society (DCHS) will be attending the pancake breakfast. The current DCHS plan regarding the pay station is to clean it and organize it and also to fix the door. Then they will determine whether they want to continue or turn the building over to the Town of Dunn. George DeFlorin will be mowing the pay station lawn this year (as well as the museum property).
6. Donations:
 - A. Aaron and Bethany Kohn donated Creamery receipts from the early 1900’s which will be scanned and added to the Creamery display.
7. Displays:
 - A. Military Experience Display: Lynnette is working on this and Jerry Beisterveld has also been helping. Pictures, uniforms and medals will be displayed along with a slide show and a book of pictures. The military flags will be displayed also. Aaron Kohn volunteered to help with mounting flags and slide show technology.
 - B. Barbie Doll Display: Postponed to next year.
 - C. Clock Display: Vicki Price is working on Carol Wendt’s clock collection display.
 - D. Phone display will remain upstairs and be expanded by Suzanne.
 - E. Logging display will be worked on in May by the committee members and hopefully Gary Cummings.
8. Saturday Classes: To date - Kathy Bauer – wagon wheel rug weaving; Richard Thomas – mushrooms. Price indicated that the Antique Roadshow has come to the Menomonie Library limited to 50 participants in the past. She will investigate the chance of scheduling a visit to the museum. Suzanne will contact the paranormal people to see if they would do a class/presentation. Frank Smoot presentation is an option to pursue also.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Matt Messa has the joists in and floor replaced and working on finding a utility sink. He has a friend who will paint the room and it will all be functioning by the pancake breakfast. Thank you
 - B. Side entrance railing and steps will be stabilized and suggestion was made to paint the side entrance door.
 - C. Front entrance railing – trying to find the appropriate railings and exact location. Suggestion was to check Dell’s Construction and Antiques in Eau Claire. ADA rules will need to be followed and check with the appropriate county office.
 - D. Post Office – Suzanne has painted the inside and all pictures related to the post office white will be displayed in the post office building. The windows need to be replaced in the future.
 - E. Outdoor bench by little library will be removed as it is in tough shape.
 - F. Aaron Kohn will work on a sign to be displayed in the front of the museum to advertise museum opening and events. Thank you!
10. Events:

- A. Opening and Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 25th: Breakfast will be 8-11am with museum remaining open until 3pm. Checks will be needed prior to the breakfast for tent (Jason Wayne \$200) and for the sausage (TBD). Volunteers: Mike & Jane Hulett, Kris Winter, Rose Nowaskey, Michelle Lecander. Louie and Mac Weber; Jane will ask her neighbor Beth Dobbyn. Jane has purchased supplies with Thrivent card; Lynnette contacted John and Diane Creaser for milk and Timber Inn for butter; and 3 gallons of syrup has been donated by Dennis Weber, Mike & Jane Hulett, Vicki Price (Suzanne will contact Jensen's). Lynnette will do printing of thank you cards for tables. Jane will have 10 pancake mixes for sale at pancake breakfast.
 - B. DCHS 75th Anniversary Road Rally Event 2024: Lynnette is working on history tour of Downsville for this event along with John Stalter.
11. **Work Days** – Saturday, May 18th, at 9am; Wednesday, May 22nd at 3pm; and Friday, May 24th at 3pm.
 12. Saturday Museum Openings 11am-3pm: June 1 – Vicki Price; June 8 – Jane DeFlorin; June 15 – Lynnette Smith; June 22nd – Suzanne Messa; and June 29th – Vicki Price
 13. Other:
 14. Set Next Meeting Date – Monday, June 10th at 5:30pm at the Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Vicki Price, Secretary