

TOWN OF DUNN
DOWNSVILLE COMMUNITY MUSEUM COMMITTEE
June 10, 2024

The Downsville Community Museum Committee met at 5:30pm on **Monday, June 10, 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 May 13, 2024 were reviewed.
2. June Treasurers Report was reviewed.
3. Public Comment: Don Person passed away.
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Thank yous generated by Suzanne were signed for the pancake breakfast volunteers.
5. Pay Station Property: Lynnette reported that a couple members of the Dunn Co. Historical Society (DCHS) attended the pancake breakfast and then went over and worked on cleaning up the pay station.
6. Donations:
 - A. Richard Thomas donated an old Creamery pitcher to be used at the pancake breakfasts.
 - B. Suzanne Messa donated a TV and USB adapter to be used for the military slide display.
 - C. Jane DeFlorin and Dave Smith donated an old Odd Fellows license plate.
 - D. Wayne Thibado donated a WWII ration book.
 - E. Jeff Hanson (son of Norm and Bev Hanson) donated \$10,000.
 - F. Emilio Bettaglio donated \$500.
 - G. Timber Inn donated \$200.
 - H. Bill Thedinga donated \$100.
 - I. Jane & George DeFlorin would like to donate pancake mix/containers (\$10 each) sales to the museum.
7. Displays:
 - A. Military Experience Display: Lynnette, Suzanne, and Jerry Beisterveld have developed this display. There was much interest in the display at the pancake breakfast and went over very well. Very well done.
 - B. Clock Display: Carol Wendt's clock collection display was well received.
 - C. Phone display developed by Suzanne was well received.
 - D. Logging display was well received but can't be run during pancake breakfast because fuses blow.
8. Saturday Classes: Set as 1st Saturday: 12-2 pm: July 6 – Kathy Bauer rug making; August 3 – Richard Thomas growing mushrooms; and August 17 – Show & Tell for people to bring in items to talk about history. Another suggestion was to invite a military person(s) in to talk about their military experience.
9. Building/Maintenance:
 - A. Fire Extinguisher Check – will be completed during monthly meeting.
 - B. Joist/bathroom floor repair – Matt Messa has completed this project except for installation of the utility sink.
 - C. Front entrance railing – in progress.
 - D. Storage shed south side service door lock – Vicki will contact Jan Szalai to repair or replace to be keyed to current key.
 - E. Bench by little library will be rehabbed by George DeFlorin and Dave Smith.
 - F. Suggestion was made to upgrade the electrical in the museum and shed as both are on the same line.
10. Events:
 - A. Opening and Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 25th: Approximately 430 were served at the breakfast with much interest and traffic through the museum. Suggestion made to purchase 2 more white 8-ft tables. The following was consumed at the breakfast: 81 lb. sausage; 5 gal. maple syrup; 20 lb. strawberries for compote; 10 lb blueberries for compote; 10 lb. apples for the compote; 18 orange juice concentrate; 200+ cups of coffee; and 20 batches of pancake batter.
 - B. DCHS 75th Anniversary Road Rally Event 2024: Nothing new other than in the process of building an app.
 - C. 10-Year Anniversary of the Downsville Community Museum – Museum was purchased back from Dunn County in 2015 and opened in 2016 with a pancake breakfast that August for Downsville Day. Consensus to plan an event in 2026.
 - D. Downsville Day & Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, August 24th, 8-11am – Suzanne will apply for a Thrivent card. Vicki will advertise once the poster is ready again in Volume One and Dunn Energy Newsletter.

11. Museum Opening Reports: June 1 (Vicki) – 5 visitors; \$10 donations; \$1 food sales. June 8 (Lynnette) – 0 visitors; 0 donations; \$2 food sales.
12. Saturday Museum Openings 11am-3pm: June 15 – Lynnette Smith; June 22nd – Jane DeFlorin; and June 29th – Vicki Price; July 6 (Kathy Bauer rug making class)– Lynnette Smith; July 13 – Suzanne Messa; July 20 – Vicki Price; July 27 – Jane DeFlorin; August 3 (Richard Thomas mushroom growing class) – Suzanne Messa; August 10 - ?; August 17 (Show & Tell Event) - ?; August 24 – all hands on deck.
13. Other:
14. Next Meeting Date – Monday, July 8th at 5:30pm at the Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Vicki Price, Secretary