

Dunkirk Historical Museum

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2025

Present: Catherine, Victoria, Matt, Graham, Kay, Roger, Roy

Public Comments: n/a

Secretary's Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed.

Director's Report:

- Email issues still being worked on, DFT should be able to help.
- Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Starr requesting funds has been sent out.
- Committee desired to list out current and future projects to use for grants.

President's Report:

- History Expo was a good event, merchandise was sold for a total of \$69 and there was some interest in volunteering, we received a thank you note from the County Historian.
- CDBG 2024 Grant is finally complete.
- City of Dunkirk is having events on 10/30 and 12/6, we should be open to the public those days.
- Wants to make volunteer recruitment a priority.
- NYS Tax issues fixed in regards to former employees, this is no cause for alarm and the account was closed via letter.
- Catherine and Victoria will work on getting the admin office organized.

Curator's Report:

- Good visit with the Fire Department, they are impressed with and excited about the upcoming exhibit and will be loaning a few more items for display. In conjunction with the new exhibit, the Fire Chief expressed interest in dedicating new fire trucks outside the museum.
- Veterans Day exhibit planned by Matt for mid-November.

Railroad Report:

- In 2026, projected to do work on the boxcar at the fairgrounds.
- Over winter, plan to work on Brooks exhibit room downstairs.

Old Business:

- n/a

New Business:

- Henry has reached 5 total absences from board meetings, Matt will call him regarding removal from the board. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

- Starting a newsletter? Would go out in Fall, Spring, and Summer, and would include contributions from the director, curator, president and railroad.
- Roger would like to do a one-day train show this winter, potentially 12/6 in conjunction with Christmas on Central. Needs 4 banquet size folding tables, and would set up the day before.