

## **Dunkirk Historical Museum**

### Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

Present: Graham, Matt, Kay, Catherine, Vikki, Roger, Roy, Diane, Joe

Public Comments: n/a

Secretary's Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and approved.

President's Report: n/a

Director's Report:

- Letter of intent sent to NCCF, grant money would go towards concrete work and a fire safe. Matt has 4 options for concrete work and made a diagram for Graham to use on grant applications and quotes.
- Website has been updated to include meeting minutes and working links.
- Reconciling of online account usernames and passwords in progress.
- Graham and Kay will be speaking at the Rotary meeting on 3/19.

Curator's Report:

- The newsletter is in draft form and will be sent out for proofreading.
- Exhibit on track, waiting on ballet items to feature Heyl studio.
- The upcoming exhibit will need 1970s-era living room furniture and a television. Any leads by July are appreciated.
- Thank you, Joe, for your hard work on the gallery floor!
- Matt suggests reaching out to schools about our new exhibits for field trip opportunities, and will find contact info.

Railroad Report:

- Preparation continues for the July lecture at the Fredonia Opera House.
- Continuing brainstorming for how to display the Dunkirk Engineering model, Kay will help after the exhibit opens at the end of March.
- Idea to have a possible program at the locomotive on the fairgrounds to explain how the train works and help history come alive.
- Brooks plaque update from Matt: Now that the weather is getting better, he will resume work and have everything ready for the May 16th railroad program.
- Is it possible to put a belt on the contraption downstairs? Or have a STEM program help design something to make it a more interactive visitor experience?

- Received a presentation from Mr. Waite to help further education on steam locomotive research.

#### Old Business:

- Selling the toilet on Facebook Marketplace under the museum's account.
- Trouble finding a reputable seller for the vintage sports ticket, Roger suggests contacting the Football Hall of Fame to help find an authenticator.
- Diane will fill in as Secretary for the time being.

#### New Business:

- Prices on gift shop items are now even dollar amounts.
- Square training for everyone is a good idea, this would cover how to use the purchasing system and inventory controls for the museum and at the train.
- Upcoming Mother's Day Craft Show at the fairgrounds and the Totary Fly-In are good opportunities to table, and sign-up sheets will be made.