Dunkirk Historical Museum
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
August 18, 2026

Present: Kay Szewczuk, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Diane Andrasik, Vikki Johnson, Roger Schulenberg, Matt Sutton,
Guests: Roy Davis, Ben Schlitca-Cusick

Call to Order:
President Matt Sutton called the meeting to order. He moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026, meeting and the vote to approve passed.

Guest Beverly Schlicta-Cusick was given time to speak sand she brought up several issues regarding strategic plans, potential financial income, and others, and Mr. Sutton and Graham responded.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Vikki Johnson gave the following report:
- The total income from membership, donations, the store revenue, and interest was $226
- The amount of $559.00 was made from the fair week.
- Outgoing expenses for utilities, purchases and other was was $837.00
- Preservation supplies was in part covered by a sum donated by a member in the amount of $250.00
- The Dunkirk Engineering panel cost $172.00, but was covered buy a donation from Roger Schulenberg.
- Totals for Key Bank accounts were reviewed, including amounts on hand from CD accounts.
- Vicki Johnson gave options for what to do with the credit made on the credit card.
- The money market account amounting to $56,000 has an APY of 2.03%. It was decided to open another CD of $25,000 for 12 months in an account with highest rate.
- Pay Pal had $2500.00 in the account and it was decided to leave only $200 in it, moving the rest to savings or checking.

Director's Report:
Graham Tedesco-Blair reported on the following:
- The occupancy tax is expected to arrive.
- Graham is preparing his lecture on Gone in 60 Seconds, having met with Ron Halicki, and been in contact with the LA library, which sent many news articles ton him. He will show before and after slides of scenes in the film set in Dunkirk and Fredonia with the present locations.
- The State Grants Management Preparation was discussed.
- The building insurance has been sorted out, two policies have been put in place, one of them for the physical building and one for everything else, costing an extra $1500.

Vice President report and Curator's Report:
Kay Szewczuk gave the report:
- She asked board members to consider giving her information about any building that might be available for use by the museum, considering space, amenities, parking, handicap accessibility.
- The '70s exhibit has gotten a very good response and has reached about 150 visitors, helped by the newspaper article and Facebook pasts.
- She is requesting we find out contacts for as many local high school classes as possible for reunion information.

Curator Report:
- She will soon return to working on provenance paper work to determine our artifacts' origins.
- She is putting together a grant from the Greater Heritage Network grants for $400-500 for artifact preservation..
- The newsletter is to be readjusted and then prepared for sending in early fall.
- There will be membership drive preparation for the November newsletter.

Railroad Report
Roger Schulenberg reported:
- The American Flyer display has been modified and two steam engines repaired.
- The boxcar graphics are all applied to the boxcar except for one.
- The Dunkirk Engineering display is ready for the gathering to be held September 5 at 11 AM.
- Roy and Roger went to Corry, PA, to visit its museum and find info about the relationship with Climax and Hessler Mfg , which will be part of the talk. More advertising of the event in the paper and facebook will follow.

President's report:
Matt Sutton reported:
- Mr Sutton noted the great job done at the fair.
- Suggestions were made concerning the entrance gate to the railroad display, especially to have a welcome tent with info about the display being maintained by the public's donations. This will hopefully remind people of the importance of making donations.
- It was stressed there be more interactive opportunities for children, possibly a questionnaire , with submissions to be used for a drawing for a prize.
- The old TV in the caboose will be removed
- A discussion was held concerning the possible sunken locomotive in the Cassadaga swamp.

New Business: Graham suggested Roy Davis join the board and Diane Andrasik moved that he join the board, and Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.
The next is scheduled for September 8 at 6 PM

Submitted by Diane Andrasik, Secretary