

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met for their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Remsen Public Library. Prior to the meeting members set up for the packaging of pretzels.

President Judy Stokesberry brought the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The minutes were read and approved as read. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. In the donation account the ending balance remained the same at \$3,396.82. In the regular account opening balance was \$2,280.25, deposits totaled \$40, bringing the ending balance to \$2,320.25. A bill for the pretzels, bags and miscellaneous was presented by Joe Konz for \$133.77. A motion to pay the bill was made. Motion carried.

A letter was sent to the three members of the board, Joe Feller, Dennis Wolf and Rick Roder. Joe Feller responded and requested to be removed from the board. An option was brought up to include the officers as part of the board and have two other members. To update the By Laws we felt we should ask someone that could help if there needs to be a legal matter in changing the laws. It was tabled.

Judy talked about the plans for the Eastern Iowa trip October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. A cost of about \$600 per person was thought reasonable. Breakfast and the motel/hotel cost would be included. A cost for bus service has not been determined due to the rise in fuel costs. We would like a count of those interested in this trip. It may be in conjunction with the Museum's bus trip group, plus anyone that would like to make the trip. An email will be sent out to the Society.

A Nativity that originally was donated to St. Mary's in Alton by Matt Hansen's family 50 years ago, has been replaced. St. Mary's returned it to the Hansens. In turn, he asked if the Plymouth County Historical Museum would accept it with a donation given to the church. The museum does not give any amount of money for the nativities they display. Our Society was asked if we would be interested to have it. After a discussion that it would be displayed during the Christmas Nativities display at the museum and stored there, we would give a donation of \$200. A motion was made by Joe Konz, seconded by Ric Hansen. Motion carried. A sign will state that we are the recipients and the story behind the nativity.

Tom Hansen reported on the Sister City update. He found information on International Sister Cities website and will keep working on this project.

Judy will be presenting a power point program on Luxembourg on Monday, April 4, at the Remsen Library. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. She asked if people would bring snacks with a Luxembourg flair. Please contact her to what you can bring.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Remsen Library, 9:30 a.m.

The 9 members present packaged over 1,000 bags of pretzels. Joe was in charge of pretzels and Ric Hansen made labels for each bag that told the story of the Pretzel Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. He also included information about the Society and an invitation to join us. Judy, Joe, Ric, Tom and Jean will see that the local churches get the samples to help promote our organization. Appreciate Joe and Ric's work in making this a good promotional event.

Secretary, Jean Nilles