

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met for their monthly meeting at the Alton Public Library meeting room on Friday, September 6th, 2019. The agenda was presented for additions by President Dennis Wolf. The meeting was brought to order at 6:05 p.m. with introductions by 11 members and guests. Present were Mary Riedemann, Dennis Wolf, Ethel Heidesch, Tom Hansen, Mary Ann Hansen, Joe Konz, Germaine Konz, Ric Hansen, Joni Kellen, Keith Lamfers and Jean Nilles.

The secretary read the minutes from the August meeting. It was approved as read. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$3, 832.74. Deposits for new memberships brought the ending balance to \$3,872.74. Dues are \$20 and can be paid anytime for the 2020 year. Send to the P.O. Box 414, Remsen, Iowa 51050.

Remsen Museum has found 11 paintings by John Greenen. Eight people have agreed to allow their paintings to be shown next year in May and June at the museum.

Fund raising to help with expenses was discussed. A list of area banks was passed to the members. They will talk to their local banks on donations. We discussed donations for the sign to be placed at the St. Donatus site. Hopefully, the descendants of those named will help on that cost. Price of the banners was discussed briefly. Waiting to hear the cost from Duane Hansen who will be putting names on vinyl of those who wish to participate in the parade.

A motion was made by Ethel Heidesch to use the names of the first group of settlers on the sign at the St. Donatus site. Seconded by Tom Hansen. Motion carried.

Joni Kellen has a grant writer who will go ahead, with our permission, to write to the Iowa Tourism Grant. Deadline is September 25th. We are asking for \$5,000.

Two samples of a brochure were presented. Three businesses were suggested to contact for costs. They are Pluim Publishing, Red's Printing and the Le Mars Sentinel.

Joni Kellen designed a logo. She said it can be used for tee shirts, caps and the like with an online company.

Dennis had contacted KLEM in Le Mars. A book with the area fair events and festivals is printed each year. Dave Grosenheider said that we can put ours in the book. They will find a sponsor for the page's cost. Dennis will find out the date the information is due.

Dennis and Jean met with the Alton City Clerk, Dave Oltmann, on Tuesday. He was very helpful with information on the parade and routes we can take; the park's facilities for the vendors; Spot a Pots; dumpsters. Jean made an appointment with the Chamber President, Breanne Van Gelder. She had several good suggestions. She will meet with the members of the Chamber and also send out emails in regards to our celebration.

Meals for the dinner and a light buffet for the reception were discussed. Dennis sent out letters to the Duke and Duchess, and to Ethan Hastert inviting them to the event.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, AT
ALTON LIBRARY, 9:30 A.M.**

Secretary, Jean Nilles