

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the meeting room in the Remsen Public Library. President Dennis Wolf passed the agenda to the members to adjust the criteria. The meeting was brought to order at 9:35 a.m. Present were Dennis, Ethel Heidesch, Joe and Germaine Konz, Ric Hansen, Mary Riedemann and Jean Nilles.

The minutes were read from the annual meeting and approved as read. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. Opening balance was \$3,815.98, deposits totaled \$100.00 donation, expenses were stamps purchased by the secretary, \$27.30, and purchase of the book written by Sanday Hammes and Jean Esch for \$55.94, totaling \$83.04 in expenses, making the ending balance \$3,832.74.

The various mission statements written by Vice President Judy Stokesberry were passed to the members and will be decided on next meeting. Dennis sent a sympathy card to the Royal family on the death of Duke John.

As yet the 501 ( c ) 3 has not been completed as yet. Dennis will contact his CPA for direction how to proceed. Letters will be sent to the new Duke, Ambassador, Prime Minister and other dignitaries.

The meeting continued with the 2020 Event discussion. A list of the projects needing assistance was passed around. Tom Hansen emailed that he would take charge of the gym set up for the family histories. Joe Konz offered to check on the ancestors buried in the Hospers, Granville and Alton cemeteries and place flags on their graves. We will need a count of flags needed for the other cemeteries. Many volunteers are needed.

Ric Hansen brought a sample for the banners to be carried by the individual families in the parade. Cost with their name will be \$15. Any family wanting one will have to place an order. Ric also suggested we go to our website, [nwialux.org](http://nwialux.org) and click on the contact icon.

A fundraiser is needed. Joe suggested a breakfast after the Sunday Mass this fall. A name is needed for our celebration. "Luxembourg Heritage Festival" or "1870 Lux Fest" were suggested. Send in ideas.

A reception for the Luxembourg citizens, those with dual citizenship or seeking their citizenship will be honored at a reception at the 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bar and Grill in Alton, cash bar and cash food. The Alton City Hall or Fire House Building have been reserved for the Tri-State Meeting. A caterer has been secured and Rick Roder will speak to the group. RSVP will be needed for the dinner. Cost not yet determined for meal.

The Ansay family has been contacted by Judy. They had several questions how long and if they could be set up for two days. Judy is working with them. Bob Arens is working on the ancestors of the 40 families. The result will be available online in the future.

In new business Ethel reported on the Remsen Museum. They would like a flag to hang outside during the festival time. Donna Kendall is the new President. She is also working on having a display of the Greenen paintings. Anyone knowing of owners please let her know. They will be on display for a month. We also discussed the brochure. We need to confirm times and places of the events. A confusion on to the time the self-guided tour was to take place was also discussed. Other events during the two days also came up.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m., Remsen Public Library.

Secretary, Jean Nilles

