

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, April 15th, 2023 in the meeting room of the Remsen Public Library. President Judy Stokesberry brought the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with introductions of members. They were Art and Lana Brioch of Vermillion, S.D., Ethel Heidesch, Judy Bowman, Judy Stokesberry, Tom Hansen, Mary Riedemann and Jean Nilles.

The secretary's minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given by Mary Riedemann. Opening balance from February 11th was \$9,282.22, as the meeting in March was cancelled. Deposits totaled \$110.00 in February, March balance was \$9,392.22. Deposits totaled \$120. Ending balance is \$9,512.22. Deposits were dues and donations. A thank you to all who have renewed their membership.

In new business plans for the St. Donatus Mass have been made for Wednesday, May 17th. Father Doug Klein has agreed to be the celebrant for the Mass. It will be held at the St. Donatus site, 470th and Kingbird Rd, beginning at 6 o'clock p.m. Those attending should bring their lawn chairs. In case the weather is not agreeable, the Mass will be at St. Mary's in Alton, 6 p.m. Fellowship and a meal will follow at either Alton or Orange City restaurant—to be announced.

New dual citizens to Luxembourg are Connie Ortmann of Remsen and Ric Hansen of Alton. Congratulations to both and will honor them on May 17th.

Judy has been talking to Father Tim Pick on Our Lady of Luxembourg celebration sometime in the future. He is checking on a date to have the event.

In old business Tom is still working on the Sister City but having difficulty with a town to participate. Marc Klein said he would assist on the Luxembourg side if needed. Judy Bowman offered to talk to Mike Matgen of Remsen.

Our Society has received a box of memorabilia from Mrs. Pat Zimmer Gourley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Items include gifts sent to her Mother from her Father during WWII while he was stationed there, genealogy of several families, pictures of family members, letters and news articles.

There are books at the museum that need to be unpacked and possibly find a place in the Winterringer Genealogy room there. Judy Stokesberry and Jean Nilles will be working on it. Anyone interested in helping out are welcome.

We would like to have programs during our meetings. If you or anyone you know may have an interesting story to share, please let any of the officers –Judy, Tom, Mary or Jean know so we can schedule it. If you can bring refreshments, please also let us know.

Our next meeting will be during the St. Donatus Mass on May 17th. (Please check local papers or email for date, in case of changes to be made.).

Refreshments were provided by Mary Riedemann.

Secretary, Jean Nilles