

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, October 9th, 2021, in the meeting room of the Remsen Public Library. In absence of the President, Vice President Tom Hansen opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was reached.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as read. Jean Nilles read the treasurer's report in absence of treasurer. The beginning balance and the ending balance in the Regular account was \$2,158.30. The Donation account's opening balance on August 20, 2021 was \$4,131.82. Paid out was \$1,000. September's balance was \$3,131.32. Total deposits were \$152.00 giving an ending balance of \$3,283.82. A correction on the report was made.

No information on having a Sister City. Tabled until next month.

A committee is needed to plan upcoming programs, suggested to email the members for help.

Ric Hansen will visit with the director at the Alton Library to see if they will shelve the genealogy books from Robert Arens. Another suggestion is to have them at the Plymouth County Historical Museum in Le Mars in the Winterringer Research Room to be used for

reference only.

An email from Phyllis Mc Millan in regards to dousing the graves at the St. Donatus church site was read. She suggested we do more research to find a better location.

Possibly finding who those left at the church area. Also, finding out where the people moved were buried at the St. Mary's Alton cemetery. Tom is going to check with the court house for information. Ric said he will talk to Father Dan to see if any records were kept for the country church.

Tabled plans for a bus trip to eastern Iowa and St. Donatus next year. Ethel will contact Bonnie Theisen to see if there are any celebrations next year in St. Donatus. It could be a 3-day trip as the time to go across Iowa takes a good portion of a day. Other sites could be in the plans. Another person was suggested to help with itinerary on locations to visit.

Oktoberfest in Remsen will be on Saturday, Oct. 30th. We will be decorating the booth on Friday afternoon around 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to help. The maps donated by Robert Arens will be displayed, as well as our flags.

Needed are people to help at the booth. Please call or email the officers to be put on the list and time you can help.

The Plymouth County Historical Museum will hold an Ethnic Fair on Sunday, November 14th.

Pete Staab offered to make treipen and head cheese for samples. Ethel had contacted him. Other Luxembourg foods will be bean soup and possibly hot potato salad.

Help is also needed. Hours are not known at this time. Please plan to attend as there will be other nationalities making their national foods to taste.

Robert Arens offered to take time and his expense to apply for a 501(C-3) status for our Society. Motion was made by Ethel Heidesch, seconded by Ric Hansen.

Motion carried.

The drive-way is completed at the St. Donatus site.

Ric will check with the state and county for signs on Highway 10 and black top L-140.

In addition to checking out our By-Laws, it is noted that we need to review who the board members are and if they are still active with our Society. Tabled at this meeting so the officers can work on this.

It was suggested that the secretary send the minutes to the membership via email. Several members do not have email, they will get the minutes by postal mail.

The meeting was adjourned. Tom brought apple cider and cookies.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 13th, 2021. Location will be sent in an email prior to the meeting.

Secretary, Jean Nilles