

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Remsen Public Library meeting room. President Judy Stokesberry opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Present were Joe and Germaine Konz, Ethel Heidesch, Mary Riedemann, Tom Hansen, Diane Reistoffer, Dennis Wolf, Judy Bowman, Judy Stokesberry and Jean Nilles.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer Mary Riedemann reported on the regular account. Beginning balance on August 6th, 2021, was \$2,191.30. No deposits, expenses for stamps was \$33.00, ending balance on 9-11-21 was \$2,158.30. In the special donation account beginning balance on August 6<sup>th</sup> was \$4,159.82. Deposits totaled \$152 from donations; expenses of \$1,000 to Amber Hansen; ending balance of \$3,311.82. It was requested to Amber to finish the mural by filling in the butterflies with the designated art.

In old business tabled at last meeting, the idea to have a sister city. Not sure what local town would be interested in proceeding with the idea. A motion was made by Joe Konz, seconded by Diane Reistoffer to look into the possibility with Alton, Granville or Remsen. Motion carried. Also it had been suggested to do a 5-year

rotation with the other Luxembourg Societies in the tri-states. Tabled at this time. Need suggestions for future programs at the meetings.

In new business discussion was on the donation of the genealogy books, maps and miscellaneous articles from Robert Arens. He values the collection at \$95,000.

Tabled until we decide on a 501-C3 status for our society, which will come in to play with where we will place this collection. Discussion continued on application for the 501-C3.

Other events for our group would be Oktobefest at Remsen, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and if we will have a booth.

Volunteers said they would be at the booth. Could use a family history to display. Ethnic Fair at the Plymouth County Historical Museum with foods from native Luxembourg will be on November 14<sup>th</sup>, along with other nationalities. Staab's Locker in Remsen has furnished treipen in the past. Ethel will check into it. A trip to St. Donatus, Iowa and surrounding places for a road trip next year by van or bus. May need someone to set up tour.

Jean contacted a person that performs "dousing" over cemetery graves. We were thinking of the ones who may have been left near the site of the church or possibly

those buried at the St. Mary's cemetery in Alton. Tabled until more information is received.

Donna Kendall has been corresponding with a grand daughter of John Greenen, the artist from Remsen. She lives in Dell Rapids, S.D. and plans to visit the Remsen Museum October 9<sup>th</sup>. We are considering planning our meeting or some sort of reception for her. Tom and Jean will work on it in unison with Donna.

The Greenen Paintings have been returned to Remsen from the Ply. Co. Museum.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, location will be noted in a future email.

The group watched the movie "The American St. Nick" while enjoying a popcorn treat.

Secretary, Jean Nilles