

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Remsen Public Library. The meeting was called to order by President Judy Stokesberry at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer Mary Riedemann gave her report. Opening balance on January 14th, 2023 was \$9,504.82. Deposits of \$40, and expense for the shelving and binders for the Robert Arens collection at the museum was \$262.60 bringing the ending balance on February 11th, 2023 to \$9,282.22.

On the agenda in new business, we would like to celebrate Our Lady of Consolation events. Luxembourg does celebrate in May an octave of celebrations during a designated week. If any of the Catholic schools would be interested in participating with the students having a procession or an honoring of Mary, we will pursue this agenda.

The company Ferrero that purchased Wells Blue Bunny in Le Mars has their international headquarters in Luxembourg. We are looking in to doing an event at some time during the year if they would be interested. Tabled for this month. Need more information.

In old business we discussed if we want to continue Pretzel Sunday this year, which would be March 26th. Tom will contact Joe Konz to see if he will go ahead with purchases as he did last year. A possible date to package pretzels would be at the next meeting in March.

A member of our Society, Rose Homan, passed away January 26th at the Heritage at Sterling Ridge in Omaha. Rose generously did many projects for the Society and was helpful with genealogy and information of the Luxembourg histories. She will be missed. Fisch Funeral Home has her obituary on their website.

We tabled the By-Laws update as not all those working on the project were present.

We are interested in having a program at the meetings each month. Also would like people to sign up to bring refreshments. Contact any officer to put your name down. Old stories of ancestors, family histories, trips to any Luxembourg area, are welcome.

Today's program was presented by Tom Hansen on the Sister City project. We need to find a Sister City in Luxembourg to join one of our local communities. Work is in progress. He has been looking in to the La Crosse Luxembourg Society who recently became a Sister City.

Refreshments were provided by Tom.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2023 at the Remsen Public Library and begin at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary, Jean Nilles