

Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met at the Remsen Public Library for their regular monthly meeting. President Judy Stokesberry brought the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were made by eleven members and guests. They were: Diane Reistoffer, Mary Reistoffer, Germaine and Joe Konz, Judy Bowman, Mary Pierce, Dennis Wolf, Tom Hansen, Mary Riedemann, Judy Stokesberry and Jean Nilles.

Minutes of May meeting were read and approved as read. A June meeting was not held due to absence of the President and Vice President. Mary Riedemann read the treasurer's report. Opening balance from May 14, 2022 was \$5,523.30. A membership deposit of \$20 and an expense to the Windstar Lines for \$270 brought the ending balance to \$5,273.30. No bills were presented.

Sign-up for the Eastern Iowa trip is with \$100 deposit now. The itinerary of the "Rollin' to the River" trip October 6 through the 8<sup>th</sup> can be found on our website, [nwialux.org](http://nwialux.org). You may also pick up one at the Plymouth County Historical Museum. The museum is co-ordinating the trip with our Society. It will be a fun trip for all! Questions contact Judy Stokesberry or Judy Bowman.

On Luxembourg National Day, June 23, flags were placed on graves in Hospers, Granville and Alton by Joe and Germaine Konz and at Le Mars Catholic cemetery by Tom Hansen. The flags remained there until Sunday. They are willing to do the project next year.

A filing cabinet has been found for storing Ethel's research of families. A bargain from a \$20 price to a special of \$10. Joe and Germaine picked it up at the bargain store in Sibley and took it to the Alton Public Library. Files will be available for researchers to find information of their ancestors.

The display case at the Remsen Museum is in need of changes. If anyone would like to display their family tree or ancestral memorabilia, please let the officers know so they can decorate before Oktoberfest. The display case at the Plymouth County Historical Museum was decorated by Jean and her daughter Lori Kemp for Ice Cream Days celebration.

Tom Hansen has been in contact with the Le Mars City in regard to having them a Sister City to a Luxembourg village. They have discussed the possibility and declined. We will seek another town that will be willing to participate.

Jim Wiltgen has agreed to become the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the Board of Directors. Tom Hansen contacted him and is sending the By Laws for his review and to help us update what is needed. The officers along with Joe Konz are making up the Board. A motion was made by Judy Stokesberry to accept Jim as the 6<sup>th</sup> member, seconded by Joe Konz. Motion carried.

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Other items on the agenda were:

1. Oktoberfest Booth—a family tree display, Judy's pictures from Luxembourg trip.
2. St. Nicholas Day at the schools—activities, story of who was St. Nick. Judy will contact the schools to see if they will allow us to bring the story.
3. T-shirts—possibly make pillows, have drawings at meetings, sell at Oktoberfest.
4. Pot luck for August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting or meet at Remsen Library 9:30 a.m. as usual. Will try to find a place for a fun day or evening.

Meeting was adjourned.

Judy showed pictures from her Citizenship trip to Luxembourg.

It was mentioned Roland Gaul from Luxembourg visits friends in Sioux Falls. He is an historian and may agree to speak at a meeting or a special occasion. Information will follow.

Another item brought up after the meeting was if we would like to have something at the Plymouth County Fair. Judy Bowman offered a space in the Country Store if we would like to have samples or sell sweets of Luxembourg recipes.

Secretary, Jean Nilles