

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, July 13th, 2019, in the meeting room of the Remsen Library. The agenda was reviewed for additions. The meeting was brought to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Dennis Wolf. Members and guests present were: Judy Stokesberry, Mary Riedemann, Dennis Wolf, Ethel Heidesch, Rose Wiltgen Merrigan, Dr. Ed Wiltgen, Ric Hansen, Rose Homan, Ken Hansen, Diane Hansen, Tom Hansen and Jean Nilles.

The minutes were read and approved. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. No deposits or expenses reported making the balance as of July 13th \$3,832.74. Dennis contacted a CPA to work on the 501 (c)--3 status for our Society. The Incorporation paper work is also in progress.

Ric Hansen had designed a possible brochure idea which was met with approval for the basic design. We will work on finishing it to be passed around to contacts until a final brochure is done.

Working on the celebration events an email from member Janice Albert on parade entry ideas, the Bucket Band from Spalding and St. Mary's band, which are not marching bands but would ride the parade, Gehlen's marching band. Other school bands will be contacted.

Dennis visited with Rick Roder in regards to the statue of Our Lady of Consolation in Remsen's St. Mary's church to be in the parade. They have a carrier to place it in and carried by 4 strong men or women. The statue at Spalding school will stay in its place and be decorated with fresh flowers and a display of information on its history. Need someone to oversee that project, possibly from Alton St. Mary's parish.

Rick Roder has agreed to be the denoted speaker at the Tri-State meeting at 5 p.m., June 6th. It will be at the Firehouse meeting room in Alton. Judy stated a \$100 deposit will be made with \$50 returned.

Judy is preparing curriculum for the schools Art Classes. We will be asking for posters in regards to the event and will find a place to display them during the celebration. Students will also be invited to help with the mural to be painted sometime in May on a building on main street Alton.

Prior to Mass on Sunday June 7th, the Oktoberfest Choir will sing in the church. LeAnn Weiderholt is in charge of the singers. Following the 10 a.m. Mass, Catholic Foresters will prepare a breakfast in the gym. Price not known.

Jean spoke to ISU Extension Youth Leader, Ann Schoenrock, with the idea of the Riley Talent Show members to perform in the park's band shell on Saturday. She was very positive it would be helpful to the members. We will also contact Sioux Co youth director.

Rose Homan said she is working on her Power Point program of old buildings and businesses that were Luxembourg owned. She would like homesteaded farms to be included. Contact the officers or Rose if you have photos.

The self-guided tour will take place on Sunday afternoon throughout the nearby towns, museums, churches and cemeteries. Dedication of the site and sign will take place on Sunday, as well.

The mission statement has been decided. Thanks to Judy for her expertise and Diane's addition!

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The Remsen museum is going to have a display of Greenen Paintings by John Greenen in May 2020. They have found 10 owners so far. A search for other paintings by Greenen is being made. Descendants of Mr. Greenen are being sought. A daughter lived in Sioux City. His sons moved to Oregon.

Military from World War II are being sought with Luxembourg heritage background. A list will be made to honor them. A display would be set up with photos and stories. Let us know your family in service.

Ken and Diane Hansen reported of movies made in Luxembourg that would be significant to show. Diane will look into the copyrights for a movie called The Ninth Day, and a PBS true story, The American Saint Nick.

Judy and Dennis are working on a project to put the St. Donatus site on a National List as an historical place for visitors to see. The paperwork must be completed by October. A picture, the longitude and latitude with a map is needed. Ric Hansen said he would get the map. Judy is also in contact with getting signage on highway 10 to direct people to the place.

There may be Grant money available from the Community Foundation of Plymouth County. Information was in the Remsen-Bell newspaper.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th, 9:30 a.m., Remsen Library. The date has been changed from the date planned at the meeting, please note those who were in attendance. Plan to attend or please let us know what area you would be able to assist. A list of "help needed" can be sent if you would like to participate. It can be emailed or snail mailed to you!

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa is to preserve the contributions of Luxembourg settlers in our area and throughout the United States through genealogy, education, and celebration of their achievements.