

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, April 9, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. President Judy Stokesberry opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Members present were Mary Riedemann, Mary Reistoffer, Diane Reistoffer, Joe Konz, Judy Bowman, Judy Stokesberry and Jean Nilles.

The minutes were read and approved as read. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. The donation account balance remained the same, \$3,396.83. In the regular account the opening balance was \$2,320.25. Deposits totaled \$100.00, expenses for the pretzel project, \$133.79. Ending balance is \$2,286.46. No bills were presented. It was decided to put the two accounts into the regular account, closing the donation account which was made for LUX FEST.

The members of the Board of Directors need to be updated. Board members who have resigned are Ethel Heidesch, Joe Feller and Rick Roder. Discussion is to have the officers fill out the six that had been initially stated in Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation. It was also discussed if we should elect new directors at the annual meeting. A motion by Joe Konz, seconded by Judy Stokesberry to have the election of directors and officers at the annual meeting. Motion carried.

Pretzel Sunday (Bretzeldonneg) on the 4th Sunday of Lent was a success reported by the members, with helpers that handed them to the parishes in Alton, Granville, Hospers, Remsen, Marcus and St. Joseph's Ellendale.

The Outdoor Mass has been held each year in May either at the St. Donatus site or if weather is inclement, at a local church. After the meeting Rick Roder contacted Judy and said he will again find a priest and parish. Date will be in regard to the priest's schedule. Notification will be sent out to the newspapers and emails to members. In the past we concluded with a meal at the Pizza Ranch in Orange City.

Judy is working on the Eastern Iowa trip which will take place October 6th, 7th and 8th. Much depends on the number signed up and expenses for bus fare. An email will be sent out shortly.

Ethel has researched family histories over the years, keeping them in her home. She and Lyle have moved and selling the house. We need a file cabinet and a place to have them available so that others can have access but in a safe atmosphere. Tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Kevin Wester contacted Judy S. that his cousin, Cardinal Hollerich, of Luxembourg would like to come to our area sometime in August. He asked if we would be willing to accommodate him during his time in this part of Iowa. Tabled until more information is given.

Judy had a short video on the Elmaischen (Feast of Emmaus) which occurs on Easter Monday. A folk festival or traditional market is held in Luxembourg City, selling the peckvillecher, a terracotta bird which imitates the cuckoo's calling when you blow in them. Other crafts also are sold.

The next meeting will be May 14th at the Remsen Public Library and will be the annual meeting.

Secretary, Jean Nilles