

The Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Remsen Public Library meeting room for their annual meeting. The meeting was brought to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Judy Stokesberry. Ten members were present: Mary Reistoffer, Diane Reistoffer, Ethel Heidesch, Dennis Wolf, Joe Konz, Germaine Konz, Judy Stokesberry, Tom Hansen, Mary Riedemann and Jean Nilles.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. The donation account was zeroed out and transferred the amount of \$3,196.82 to the regular account after a \$200 check was given to St. Mary's Alton. Matt Hansen had informed us that the church had purchased a new nativity and the one they had used for the past 50 years, donated by his family, was available to our Society with a donation given to the church. We will have the nativity on display at the Plymouth County Historical Museum during their Christmas Nativities display each year. In the regular account the beginning balance was \$2,420.25, deposits of \$40 and the donation account; expense of \$133.77 for the Pretzel project, brought the ending balance to \$5,523.30.

The annual meeting minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were read.

Election of officers took place. There were no oppositions to any of the office positions and it was made a motion by Ethel Heidesch to approve the officers as follows: President, Judy Stokesberry; Vice President, Tom Hansen; Secretary, Jean Nilles and Treasurer, Mary Riedemann. Motion carried.

In discussion on the By-Laws updates, it was decided to have the officers as part of the Board of Directors plus two more members. Joe Konz said he would join the Board. One more person is needed. The board will review the By Laws and make the changes needed. A vote of ayes was unanimous.

Judy stated she had 70 bags of pretzels and will take them to the annual meeting of the Plymouth Co. Historical Museum.

Ethel's family history files will find a temporary home in Judy's dining room. We need a file cabinet and a place for them. Conversations between the Remsen and Alton libraries are in the plans for its home. A motion to purchase a file cabinet was made by Jean Nilles, seconded by Judy Stokesberry. Motion carried.

Both the Remsen and Plymouth County Museum's display cases need changing. Volunteers needed.

If anyone has pictures and stories they would like to put on the website please let the Webmaster, Julie Phillips, or Judy or Jean know. We can send via email.

We have several tee shirts available. Ideas to have a drawing each meeting, make a quilt or pillows was discussed.

The Outdoor Mass is to be held on Tuesday, May 17h, at 6 p.m. Since a priest is not available at that time, it was decided we should have a rosary recited at the site. A meal at the Pizza Ranch in Orange City will follow.

Thirty people are needed for the Eastern Iowa Trip to be held October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. The itinerary will be on the website. A deposit of \$540 is needed for the bus the cost being divided between the museum and our Society. Refundable if there are not enough signed up. A motion to pay the cost was

made by Joe Konz, seconded by Tom Hanssen. Motion carried. If there is a profit from the trip, the money will be divided between the museum and our Society.

Tom Hansen has been in contact with the Le Mars City Administrator on making a Sister City with them and one in Luxembourg. He will meet Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, with them to tell why we would like Le Mars to be the Sister City. Judy is looking into families that also came with Peter Gehlen and C.D.Hoffman sometime in 1869 to Le Mars. He asked for others to attend, if possible.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is a celebration of the Duke's birthday. Tom said he would put flags at the cemetery in Le Mars on that day. Joe and Germaine will also put flags at the Hospers, Alton and Granville cemeteries for the day.

Judy made a review of events during the 2021-2022 year of accomplishments that took place. She also listed several ideas for possible programs for us.

The next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Remsen Public Library. Our President and Vice President will not be available in June so we are canceling that meeting.

After adjournment, the group enjoyed cherry kringles and chocolate chip cookies brought by Judy and Jean.

Secretary, Jean Nilles