

Saturday, October 15, 2022, the Luxembourg Heritage Society of Northwest Iowa met at the Remsen Public Library. President Judy Stokesberry opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Nine members were present. They were Mary Reistoffer, Diane Reistoffer, Mary Riedemann, Judy Stokesberry, Joe Konz, Germaine Konz, Tom Hansen, Judy Bowman and Jean Nilles.

Minutes were read and approved as read. Mary Riedemann gave the treasurer's report. Opening balance was \$5,313.30; deposits totaled \$50, making the ending balance \$5,363.30.

Tom Hansen reported on the Sister City program. He is working with Remsen city clerk and waiting to hear information from the council.

Eastern Iowa Trip went well. Judy Bowman stated there were many positive reports. Our share of profit is \$3,700. The museum will receive same amount. The bus was late in arriving and will reimburse \$300.

Oktoberfest plans on Saturday, October 29th. Need volunteers to help at the booth. Diane Reistoffer brought the family history to be displayed. Jean will work on presenting her family pictures, etc. Set up will be on Friday 2 o'clock. Decided to have speculoos cookies to hand out to the visitors. Several will make them. Judy is going to carve a traulicht for added interest. Luxembourgers would place a candle inside to ward off demons. We will also have tee shirts from the Lux Fest to sell. Our 2 display cases will be updated at the Remsen Museum. Our Lady of Luxembourg pictures and statue will be set up in one. Mary and Judy will decorate.

Ethnic Fair will be on November 13th at the Plymouth Co. Historical museum. Tom said he will get the treipen; Germaine is making head cheese, Judy will make her bouneschlupp (bean soup), speculoos cookies left from Oktoberfest-Jean making more if needed. Judy will check on bowls, cups, etc. Need crackers to serve treipen. Prior to fair, a showing of slides from the Eastern Iowa Trip will be presented.

The nativity purchased from the Pete Hansen family will need to be set up before the opening. Man power is needed to carry and place in designated place at the museum.

Again we will decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree display at the Plymouth Co. Fair grounds. Tom, Judy and Jean offered to decorate. Anyone interested in helping are welcome. Date to decorate is Nov. 19th. Time not determined yet.

In other business, we would like volunteers to present a program. They can select their subject: family history, food, stories, etc. Also, someone to bring a snack for the meetings.

Diane Reistoffer brought pictures and post cards she had from the Eastern Iowa Trip.

A tray of Luxembourg sausage from Oshkosh, WI, along with cheeses and crackers was provided by Judy Stokesberry. Cookies were brought by Mary Reistoffer.

The program was a glimpse of what the Luxembourgers do to celebrate Oktoberfest. It is not as important today among the younger generation.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be November 12, at the Remsen Library.

Secretary, Jean Nilles