

Secretaries Report of the 1963 SLOOPER SOCIETY  
October 13th, 1963

The annual meeting of the Sloopier Society was held at the Milton Pope School in Miller Twp. Sunday October 13th. 1963 at 2:30 P.M.

The Sloopiers are descendants of the Norwegian Immigrants who came to America in 1825 in a small sloop called the Restoration.

The meeting was called to order by the President Joseph Larson. Reverend Peterson, led the large audience in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Olive Strayer.

The President then asked Mrs. Dorothy Rosdail to give a report on the Sloopier Pins. A drawing was shown with a tentative design and the possible cost of the pin. It was decided to charge \$2.50 each. Miss Erma Fruland made a motion to have the pins made and the money advanced if necessary and Mrs. Rosdail to be made Chairman of the pin committee and the following people to serve with her: Mrs. Luther Nelson, Mrs. Rachel Southcombe, Mr. George Strand. This motion was seconded by Weldon Oetken and passed by majority.

Mrs. Rachel Southcombe was next to be called upon to give a report on the sale of the Sloopier Book. She said there had been 708 books sold to date. Rachel also told of receiving letters from some of the descendants, saying they were grateful to be a Sloopier.

The meeting was continued by the president announcing the election of a 4th. Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasure.

Ona Fruland was nominated by Mrs. Joyce Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Hart Rosdail. Elected Unanimous.

Mrs. Joyce Taylor was nominated for Secretary by May Ainsley, Seconded by Shirley Oetken. Elected Unanimous.

Weldon Oetken nominated for Treasure by Basil Lawyer and seconded by Erma Fruland. Elected Unanimous.

The Secretaries Report was read and Approved.

The Secretary then reminded the president that Ernest Larson would be the president for 1964 & 1965. Mr. Ernest Larson declined the presidency. The 2nd. Vice President Otto Madland was next in line and it was decided by the Society, since Mr. Madland did not answer the letters written by the Secretary in regard to the presidency the 3rd. Vice President would be the 1964 & 65 president. This is Rachel Southcombe. With these changes Mr. Marion Jackson now becomes the 1st. Vice President. and 2nd. Vice President is Mrs. Ona Fruland. This now leaves the 3rd. & 4th. Vice Presidency vacant. It was decided to elect these at the 1964 meeting.

The President then asked for the Treasures report and this was given by Weldon Oetken. Report Approved.

A free will offering was taken to defray the expenses.

Having no other business the program followed.

The Singing Mothers from Sheridan, Ill. sang 5 selections which were enjoyed by everyone.

The President Mr. Larson Then introduced Reverend Peterson as the speaker for the day. He is the pastor of The Stavanger Lutheran Church.

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To introduce his subject "The Norwegian Immigrant and the Hardships" he read a poem "Wonderful World!" Some ~~other~~ interesting thoughts of his talk were Progress with Vision, Faith In God, Courage, Faith in your Fellow Man, and the Will to Help Others. At the conclusion Rev. Peterson Led us in prayer.

The President then closed the meeting and invited all present to partake of a bountiful and delicious lunch, served by the Norway Methodist Ladies Aid. They accepted a free will offering for their lunch.

This report is submitted for approval by the secretary.

Signed

May Ainsley