

The annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America was held Sunday, October 11, 1981, at Norway United Methodist Church, Norway, Illinois. President Charles Mies called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

The president welcomed all in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Due to the absence of Harvey Heusinger, the regular Treasurer's report was not given. Rachel Southcombe reported on Book Sale Treasury balance of \$1,471.40. There are 208 books left to sell.

Pres. Mies reported that during the last year he had appointed Lester Seversike as Special Events Chairman.

A motion was made by Lester Seversike that Harold Ugland be made an honorary member of the Sloop Society. The motion was seconded by Rachel Southcombe and carried by vote.

Mr. Mies called on Lester Seversike for remarks. He stated that we are licensed by the State of Ill. as Norwegian Center, Inc. The old Lutheran Church in Norway has been purchased, and is now known as Norske Museum. Some items that came over on the Sloop are in the museum. He announced that Wayne Borchsenius, Harold Ugland, and Crystal Thompson are directors of The Norwegian Center. Mr. Borchsenius is also chairman of the Norway Improvement League, as well as chairman of the Center.

Mr. Mies conducted the election of officers. Hiram Varness nominated Weston Fruland for the office of Treasurer. Ruth Varness moved that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Weston Fruland. The motion was seconded by Kirk Mies and carried by vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond Hanley, and seconded by Lester Seversike that all of the other officers be re-elected. The motion carried.

It was announced that the annual Sloop meeting is always held on the Sunday the closest to October 9.

Wayne Borchsenius gave a welcome on behalf of the Norway Improvement League, and stated that the community building is available for our meetings without charge.

Ruth Varness stated that some attempt should be made to update address list. A discussion was held.

Pres. Mies introduced the speaker--Librarian Rolf Erikson, Northwestern University, Evanston, who spoke on "Norwegians in Chicago."

A collection was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Hiram S. Varness, Secretary