

Secretaries Report of the 1961 Sloopier Society

The annual meeting of the Sloopier Society was held Sunday, October 8th., 1961 at the Milton Pope School near Stavanger, Ill. at 2:30P.M. There were 72 members and friends present.

Mr. Eric Hougsted (President) presided at the opening of the meeting. Mr. T. Reuben Knutson gave the Invocation. This was followed by the pledge of Allegiance led by Miss Erma Fruland. The audience then sang America accompanied by Mrs. Eric Hougsted. A moment of Silent Prayer in Remembrance for those who had passed on. This was followed by two solos by Mrs. Tyler Twait accompanied by Mrs. Eric Hougsted. Next Merle Tuntland gave two Instrumental Solos accompanied by Mrs. Herbert Ingles.

Mr. T. Reuben Knutson of Ottawa, Ill. was the guest speaker for the day. He gave a very interesting talk on the Sloopier History and about the 136th anniversary of the Sloopiers Landing in United States.

~~Mr. Hart Rosdail~~
Mr. Hart Rosdail (Historian) gave a review of the newly published book "The Sloopiers Their Ancestry And Posterity". He gave recognition to all that had made the book possible and all that had helped in any way. He also gave a very fine report on how the the book was financed and how the publishers process a book.

The Secretaries report was read and approved.

The meeting was closed with the repeating of the Lord's Prayer led by Mr. Hougsted. All those in attendance where invited to partake of a very delicious and bountiful lunch served by the Norway Methodist Ladies Aid.

After the lunch a business meeting was called in which only 12 attended. It was suggested to have the business meeting at the beginning of the session. This was made into a motion and carried. Mr. Joseph Larson was moved up to the presidency for 1962. This now leaves 1st. Vice President -- Mr. Ernest Larson,

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and 2nd. Vice President--Mr. Otto Madland. The 3rd. and 4th. Vice Presidencies are vacant . It was decided to bring this up at the 1962 meeting for discussion and a vote. The Secretary was to contact Otto Madland to see if he would be willing to except the presidency when his time approached.

Mrs. Paul Ainsley was nominated and elected Sec. for two years.

Mr. Weldon Oetken was nominated and Elected Treasure for two years.

Mrs. Rachel Southcombe was elected as Chairman of the book committee to handle all finances entailing the sale of the book.

Mr. Hart Rosdail was elected Historian of the Sloopers.

Those appointed on the Program Committee were Georgianna Busch, Edith Fish, Freda Hougas, and Bernice Chapman.

Miss Erma Fruland was asked to see if the Fox River Lutheran Ladies Aid would serve lunch in 1962.

Hart Rosdail brought up the idea of the Sloop Society serving a Smorgasbord and it was decided to bring this up at the 1962 meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Strayer. The motion carried .

This report is submitted for approval.

Signed

Mrs. Paul Ainsley (Sec.)

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Approved
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