

62nd ANNUAL SLOOPER MEETING

The 62nd Annual Slooper Society of America meeting was held Sunday October 11, 1987, 1:00 P.M. at the Norway Community Bldg.

Pastor Maynard Halvorson led in Norwegian and English Grace followed by a delicious potluck dinner at 1:30 P.M.

Wesley Hougstad introduced the "Company B" entertainment from Bollingbrook, Ill. with 10 members taking part and provided a most enjoyable afternoon.

Charles Mies, President called the 62nd Annual meeting to order. Families were introduced with Rosdails having 13, Nelsons 19, Hougas 5 and 25 guests.

Recognitions and prizes were given to oldest descendant of a Slooper which was Florence Hougstad (90 yrs.) from Kankakee, Ill., youngest descendant was Kristen Kabrinsky from Ottawa, Ill. and coming the farthest Dale Hougas from Ada, Oklahoma.

Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved, with a balance of \$2,077.56.

Erma Fruland reported on Slooper pins - only 3 left but she has ordered 50 more. The pins will cost \$7.25.

Mr. Mies asked for suggestions on how to spend some of the Slooper money that would benefit everyone. Steve Peterson made a motion to give \$50.00 to Norway Improvement League. Rachel Southcombe seconded. Motion carried. Dale Hougas made motion to give Norwegian Museum \$250.00 to use as they see fit. Wesley Hougstad seconded. Motion carried. Wesley Hougstad made motion to donate \$250.00 to Norway Improvement League for a sign. Dan Hougas seconded. Motion carried. *

A collection was taken up and received \$56.50.

Rachel Southcombe reported she has 31 Slooper Books left.

Next meeting of Slooper Society of America will be Sunday, October 9, 1988 at Norway Community Building 1:00 P.M. with a potluck dinner. Mrs. Rady suggested to call WGN, contact Orion Samuelson to announce meeting. She will take care of this matter.

Kitchen Comm: June Peterson, Edith Mies, Erma Fruland and Gerry Mies.

Officers were elected as follows: Treasurer-Silas Peterson, Secretary-Dan Hougas, Vice President-Wesley Hougstad and President-Steve Peterson.

Chrystal Thompson thanked Sloopers for generous contribution to Museum.

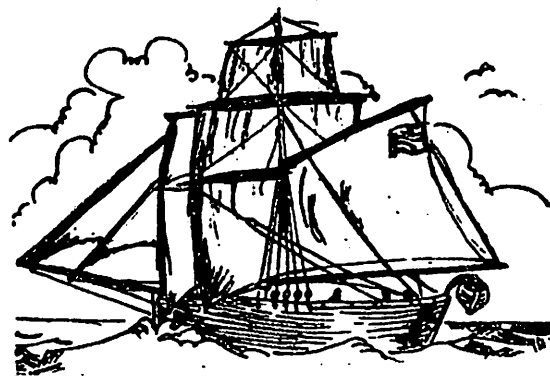
Meeting adjourned 4:15 P.M.

Mary Jane Nelson

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Secretary Slooper Society of America

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People
Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

The Norwegian

August 31, 1987

Dear Sloopers & interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 62nd Annual Sloopers Society of America Meeting, Sunday October 11, 1987 at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:00 PM. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

You are cordially invited to attend church services in the area October 11th.

Fox River Lutheran Church 9:30 AM

One mile east of Norway

Norway Methodist Church 11:00 AM

East side of Norway

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store will be open until 1:00 PM. They have many Norwegian goodies. There are several other attractions in the area you may want to visit.

~~The Company "B" singing ensemble from Bolingbrook, IL will be our entertainment and you won't want to miss this group.~~

If you know of someone that should be on our mailing list, please let one of the officers know, also if names should be taken off the list.

"The Sloopers Their Ancestry and Posterity" (less than 50 books left) and Sloopers Pins will be for sale.

Remind your families, come early and stay all day in Norway October 11, 1987.

President

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Sincerely,

Mary Jane Nelson

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Secretary

Sloopers Society of America

*Daily Times Ottawa
Morris Daily Herald
Food Valley Shopper*

"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"