

The 77th annual Sloop Meeting was held Sunday, October 6, 2002 at the Norway Community Building with 69 Sloopers and friends attending. Potluck was served at 1:15 pm with grace given by Rev. Wes Hougsted.

President Pat Hayes opened the meeting by welcoming all present, then leading us in the pledge to the flag. Guests Christina Pletten and her coworker Fred from Bergen, Norway and others from out of town were introduced. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$2,661.76 and filed for audit.

Due to health problems Erma Fruland was unable to order Sloop pins. Si Peterson reported he has ordered 20 Sloop pins at a cost of ~~\$19.00~~ each. (*\$20.00 each*) *correction. lw - per instruction from Si.*

Lynn Sove Maxson introduced members of the Norwegian Folkdancers of Chicago, our program for the afternoon. The dancers were dressed in traditional Norwegian Bunads. Lynn provided commentary and filled in when 6 dancers were needed in the group. The dancing was enjoyed by all.

Families in attendance from hand count were:

Nelsons.....2
Hougas'.....16
Rosdails....19
Olsons.....9
Andersons....1
Visitors.....6

Door prize drawings went to: Elmina Richardson
Esther Rabe
Wayne Borchsenius
Jack Wise

Christina Pletten spoke of her work in progress in America collecting photos and stories from Norwegians here for a book she and Fred are working on. She expressed interest in talking with anyone willing to share with her. Several others having taken recent trips to Norway shared briefly with our group.

A collection was taken with \$237.00 received.

Lou Wise, Secretary

*Approved
10-12-03*

Balance at 2001 Meeting
\$ 2158.18

Income

2001 Collection	82.00
Book Sales	213.59
From Erma's	
Pin Sales	<u>358.00</u>
	\$ 653.59

Expenses

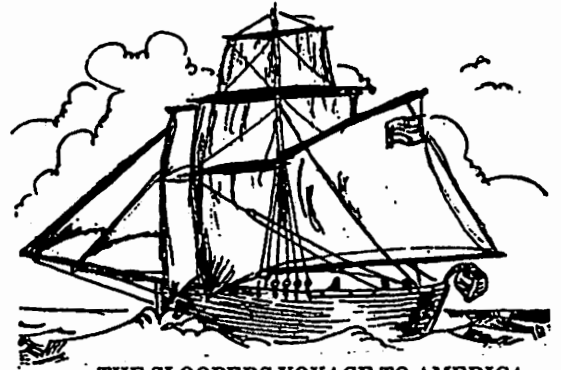
Lou Wise (Postage)	6.65
Pat Hayes (Supplies)	53.00
Norway Imp. League	50.00
Norway Store (Prizes)	<u>40.36</u>
	\$ 150.01

Balance on Hand
10-6-02 \$ 2661.76

The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

September 3, 2002

Dear Sloopers and friends:

You are cordially invited to the 77th annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America. Please mark you calendar for Sunday, October 6, 2002 and make plans to join us at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL, just off Route 71. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. We ask that each family bring two dishes to pass and their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

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.

We will have two guests with us from the Bergen Times newspaper, Bergen, Norway for our meeting. Kristina Pletten and her coworker will be spending three weeks in New York and plan to arrive in our area on Friday, October 4th, then will travel on to North Dakota for a Norwegian festival there. They are gathering information for a book they are working on...and look forward to visiting with us.

President

Pat Ainsley Hayes
R.R. #1
Ottawa, IL 61350
815-433-0061

We are very pleased to once again have Lynn Sove Maxson of Des Plaines, IL making arrangements for a program of music and Norwegian culture for our afternoon enjoyment. Lynn has traveled extensively in Norway, speaks and teaches the Norwegian language and dances in a Norwegian folk dance group. Her program will be one you won't want to miss!

Vice President

Rev. Wesley Hougsted
1307 Radcliffe Road
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
847-368-8085

We still have some The Sloopers, their Ancestry and Posterity books available and Sloop pins are on order.

Secretary

Lou Hougas Wise
3544 E. 2250th Road
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815-434-0322

Arrangements have been made for the Norwegian Museum, in Norway, IL to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 6th, for your enjoyment prior to our meeting.

Treasurer

Silas Peterson
3755 N. IL Rt. 71
Sheridan, IL 60551
815-496-2679

We hope you and your family will make plans now to join us for a fun afternoon.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise
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Secretary

"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"