

The 79th Annual Sloop Meeting was held Sunday, October 10, 2004 at the Norway Community Building with 68 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 introducing our program presenters Margaret Knutson and Margaret Wix. Other out of town guests were introduced.

Pat lead us in the pledge to the flag. The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$1990.25 and approved. A moment was spent in silence honoring the memory of Sloop Marguerite Hougas.

Old business re: Cleng Peerson Memorial plaque was reported by Pat. Replacement estimate was reported to be \$3,400.00 and determined to be too costly. Howard Eltrevoog is looking into a zink plaque that would be less costly.

Pat brought up the fact that all of the Sloop Officers have held their offices for many years and requested feedback regarding selecting new ones. Thru a show of hands the present officers were retained.

Si Peterson reported having 15 or 16 Sloop Books available at \$70.00 each and about a dozen pins at \$20.00 each.

Orion Carlson of Cleng Peerson Lodge was introduced and spoke briefly as did Burt Severson of Polar Star Lodge.

Families in attendance from hand count: Nelsons.....16
 Hougas'13
 Rosdails.....17

Door prizes went to: LaVerne Arntzen
 Kathryn Klose
 Duane Rosdail
 Giles Olson
 Si Peterson

Collection was taken with \$312.00 received. Meeting adjourned.

Lou Wise, Secretary

Approved 10/9/05

Balance at 2003 Meeting
\$1602.20

Income

2003 Collection	\$2.39.00
Book Sales	280.00
Pin Sales	80.00
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	\$599.00

Expenses

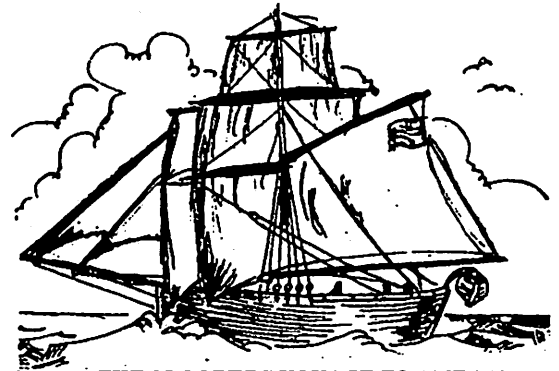
Pat Hayes (Supplies)	43.00
Bill Injured	75.00
Norway Imp. League	50.00
UPS	11.82
Norway Store (Prizes)	47.99
Service Charge (Checks)	16.86
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	\$244.67

Balance on Hand \$1990.25

The Norwegian

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.

September 10, 2004

Dear Sloopers and friends,

You are cordially invited to the 79th annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America. We hope you will make plans to join us on Sunday, October 10th, 2004 at the 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.

Our program this year will be presented by Margaret Knutson of Millbrook. Margaret has had a passion for painting all of her life. She began rosemaling after a trip to Norway with her husband in 1970. She has studied this Norwegian decorative painting with various gold medalists and even returned to Norway on a Vesterheim tour to increase her knowledge and expertise. She is a charter member of the Illinois Norsk Rosemalers Association formed in 1977 for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the art of rosemaling.

Reprinted copies of "The Sloopers, Their Ancestry and Posterity" books are still available and Sloop pins can be purchased for \$20 from Si Peterson.

As in the past, the Norsk Museum will be open for those interested. The Norway Store has many Norwegian items and foods and will be open until 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"