

The 83rd annual Slooper Meeting was held on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at the Norway Community Building, with 35 Sloopers and friends attending. The potluck was served at 1:15 pm with grace offered by Rev. Wes Hougsted.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Pat Hayes followed by the pledge to the flag and a welcome to all.

The Secretaries report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$1,679.13 on hand. Si Peterson reported Slooper pins are available for \$20 and reprinted Slooper Books for \$80.

New Business: Wes Hougsted brought up that it would be beneficial for the Slooper Society to have a delegate in the Norwegian National League of Chicago. He offered willingness to be that delegate and attend their meetings.

A motion was made by Jay Rosdail that Wes Hougsted serve as Slooper Society representative in the Norwegian National League. Second by Dennis Southcombe. Motion carried.

Slooper families in attendance (by show of hands):
Nelsons - 2
Hougas - 9
Rosdail - 14

Door Prizes went to: Violet Watermann, Wanda Logsdon & LaVerne Arntzen

At this time all those that travelled to Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum last year had opportunity to share their experiences with the group.

Orion Carlson of Cleng Peerson Lodge announced upcoming events and invited all to join this organization.

Treasurers Report was read by Si Peterson
Collection was taken - \$129.00

Meeting adjourned.

Program: Roald and Frances Berg of the Norwegian National League of Chicago presented a wonderful program re: The Preservation of "Viking" ship, located in Good Templar Park in Geneva, IL.

Built in Sandefjord, Norway in 1892, ^{"Viking" was} a copied after the ancient viking ship "Gokstad", excavated in 1880. In 1893, the "Viking" sailed across the Atlantic (from Bergen to New York) and on to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago (via the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes).

Lou Hougas Wise
Secretary

*Approved
10/11/2009*

2008 Meeting

October 12, 2008

Income

Book Sales	91.00
"	92.00
"	320.00
"	<u>92.00</u>
	595.00

Expenses

UPS	10.50
"	15.72
"	14.00
Norway Store	58.45
Bad Check returned	<u>4.50</u>
	103.17

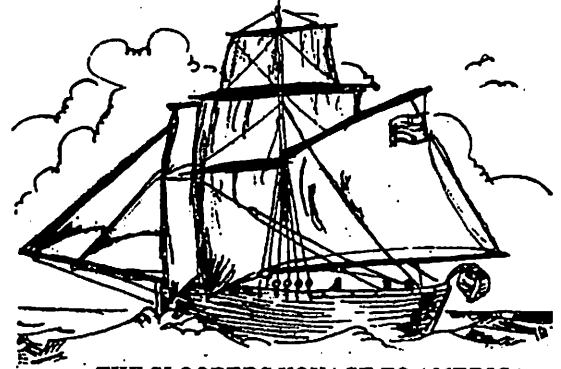
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The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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

September 7, 2008



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.

Dear Sloopers and friends,

You are cordially invited to the 83rd annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America. We hope you will make plans to join us on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at the Community Building in Norway, IL just off Route 71. Dinner will be served at 1:00 PM. We ask that each family bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

We are pleased to have a representative from the Norwegian National League of Chicago with us this year presenting an informative program. In addition, some of our Sloopers that went to Decorah, Iowa, to visit the Vesterheim Museum Complex last year will share details of that trip.

Reprinted copies of "The Sloopers, Their Ancestry and Posterity" books are again available. Sloopers pins may be purchased for \$20 from our Treasurer, Si Peterson.

The Norsk Museum (a worthwhile stop for anyone wishing to visit there) will be opened by Howard Eltrevoog after our meeting. The Norway Store, run by a 6th generation Borchsenius, has many Norsk items and foods and will be open until 5:00 PM.

Hope you will join us for an afternoon of good food and good fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"