

The 84th annual Sloop Meeting was held on Sunday, October 11, 2009, 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 2:30 pm by Pat Hayes followed by the pledge to the flag and welcome to all in attendance. Many thanks were extended to Linda Peterson, Lou Wise, Ashley DeVries and Howard Eltrevoog for helping with the decorating and preparation for today's meeting. The Secretaries report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$1,845.02 on hand.

Pat shared with the group the loss of two of our active members during this year. Dale Hougas of Ada, Oklahoma, on July 18, and his brother James Hougas of Morris, Illinois on September 11, 2009. It was also reported that Ruth Varness of Bourbonnaise, Illinois had recently passed. A few moments were spent in silence honoring the memories of these members.

Orion Carlson of Cleng Peerson Lodge announced upcoming events and extended an invitation to join the organization.

In response to the Sloop letter, we received a *note* and a monetary donation from Gary and Mary Howe of Pensacola, Florida. This was shared with the group. A note of thanks will be sent.

Slooper families in attendance (by show of hands):
Nelsons - 5
Hougas' - 12
Rosdails - 7

Door Prizes: Arlene Jackson, Angie DeVries and Bill Hayes

Very colorful hand-made potholders were given out to each family attending from Kay Ainsley (Pat's sister) from Virginia. She enjoys making them in her spare time.

Treasurers Report read.
Collection was taken - \$129.⁰⁰

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

(a retired school teacher)
Program: Rob Borchsenius, of Norway shared stories and songs about growing up in rural America...a very enjoyable program!

Loucellie Hougas Wise
Slooper Secretary

*Approved
Oct. 10, 2010*

2009 Meeting

Income

Book Sales	320.00
Pins	20.00
Collection	<u>129.00</u>
	469.00

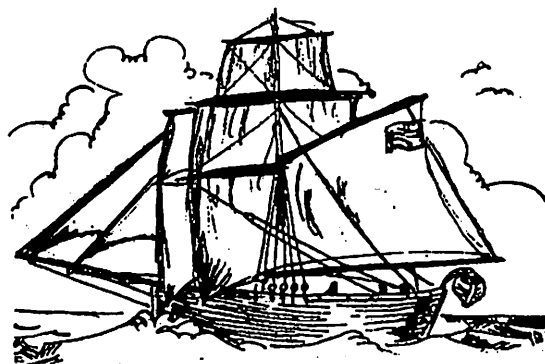
Expenses

Norwegian Nat'l League	100.00
Pat Hayes (Supplies)	80.00
Norway Imp. League	50.00
U.S. Mail	6.13
Norway Store	<u>66.98</u>
	363.11

Balance on Hand
1845.02

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
September 9, 2009

Dear Sloopers and friends,

You are cordially invited to the 84th annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 11, 2009 and make plans to join us at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL, just off Rte. 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 presenter will be Rob Borchsenius of Norway, Illinois. Rob is a retired school teacher who believes in preserving the stories of times past. He will share stories and songs about growing up in rural America.

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

Sure hope you will join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

Sincerely,
Low Wise
Low Wise, Secretary
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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"