

October 8, 2023

Slooper Meeting

At 12:30 p.m., the 98th annual Slooper Meeting was called to order by President Steve Southcomb followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer's report was given by Erin Kauffman:

Balance October 9, 2022	\$6,972.96
Expenses for the year	827.28
Income for the year	667.92
Current balance	6,813.60

Roger Aegerter made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Vice-President, Kirk Mies, who thanked the Norsk Museum/SON Polar Star Lodge/Cleng Peerson Lodge/Norway Store for partnering with the Sloopers to make this 98th reunion very special. He relayed that Dave Johnson was not able to be present at the meeting this year and then shared information about the potential re-publication of the Slooper Book.

Option 1: reprint the book in the same quality as last time (hardcover). The printer would require a minimum printing of 500 books at a cost of \$16,000. The Norsk Museum would be willing to cover ½ the cost of this option; store and sell ½ the books printed.

Option 2: look into creating digital copies

Option 3: look into printing the books "on demand"...which would entail printing at the time of order and would produce a soft cover book of a different quality

Discussion was held:

- Would there be a possibility of updating the new books to include later generations of Sloopers as part of the book?...logistically not possible
- Possibility of Vesterheim being interested in helping with printing/book sales

Discussion tabled.

At this time, Kirk Mies asked us to remember those of our group that had passed on in 2023... Alan Rosdail, Terry Rosdail, Buck Borchsenius

An annual tradition/show of hands was taken of each family present:

Rosdails, 20

Nelsons, 4

Hougas, 14

Hersdals, 0

Madlands 3

President Steve Southcomb opened the floor for the election of officers. Seeing no new nominees, Gail Rosdail nominated Steve Southcomb to continue as President for 2024. Seconded. Carried.

Mona Rosdail nominated Kirk Mies to continue as Vice President. Seconded. Carried.

Kirk Mies nominated Erin Kauffman for Treasurer. Seconded. Carried.

Kirk Mies nominated Angie Pokarney for Secretary. Seconded. Carried.

Steve Southcomb motioned to retain both Jan Rosdail and Dale Goodman as Trustees for 2024. Seconded. Carried.

Jan Rosdail motioned that Gail and Mona Rosdail be additional new Trustees for 2024. Seconded. Carried.

Vice President Kirk Mies extended thanks to Carly Borchsenius for her and her team's hard work in putting food together for today.

President Steve Southcomb's daughter, Steph Southcomb gave the prayer for lunch.

After lunch, Dale Goodman presented, "The Sloopers of 1825".

The motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Mies at 2:50. Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Pokarney, Secretary

