
New England Lace Group

Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2011

Executive Board Attendees: Patty Foley, President; Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Mary Linden, Member at Large;

Executive Board Absent: Susan L. Benzer, Clerk; Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian

Member Attendees: Jill Hawkins, Webmistress; Jeanne Goodwin; Nancy Fama; Sr. Catherine Morin

Meeting called to order 1:00 pm at Portofino's Restaurant in Kensington, Connecticut

Minutes from September 10, 2011, motion to approve was made by Gail MacLean, seconded by Mary Linden, and approved unanimously.

President Report:

Non-profit status – Patty did not have a report; Jill asked to have a time line discussed.

Next meeting is at Sturbridge on the same schedule

Treasurer's Report – Winann Steinmetz:

September Report – Winann had to leave for another engagement. Patty read the report. Total cash as of September 30, 2011 is \$8,669.42 of which TD Bank has \$8,398.48 and PayPay has \$270.94. The total if \$8669.42 is divided between the Operating Fund in the amount of \$7,188.42 and the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1,486.00 Motion made to accept the report, Jill seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously

Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 - We had more discussion about the budget. The revenue side budget was not approved at this meeting which would have needed an increase in the membership fee. The expenditure side of the budget, \$3,500 was approved by a Motion and accepted unanimously. The overall budget reverting back to the old revenue budget and the new expenditure budget would then show a deficit of \$1,715. This deficit would have to come out of our savings account for us to operate at this level.

Membership Report – Winann Steinmetz

September Report – Winann's report was read by Patty – We had one new member and one member asked to be removed from the list. We have a total of 98 members; 96 US and 2 Int'l members.

Programs – Carolyn Wetzel

Current programs are set as follows:

November	Tag sale; start *lace stars for IOLI convention; start **Threads Make the Lace project - Sturbridge, MA
December	Holiday Party & Gift Swap – Sturbridge, MA

January	UFO day – Sturbridge, MA
February	TBA
March	Lies Stolk will present a program on attaching lace to linen – Sturbridge, MA
April	TBA
May	Retreat – Wareham, MA
June	Annual Meeting and Elections – Lace In – Sturbridge, MA

Stars for IOLI - We will start as a project at the November meeting.

IOLI Update - Carolyn reported some activity/discussion on the change of the IOLI name.

Survey –The survey closed at the end of September. Results will be forwarded shortly.

CraftBoston –March 23-25, 2012 – no additional information is available.

Member At Large –Mary Linden

Volunteer Hours - Mary reported that we have 240 volunteer hours since January. Hours can now be posted via the Member’s only section of the NELG website. If you would like to send them in via email, send to NELGMemberAtLarge@gmail.com.

Lace for Wadsworth Atheneum wreath

Mary Linden must have the lace for the fans for the wreath - drop dead date to her is Nov. 5, 2011.

CreativeArts – Big E – It was a success. Winann & Patty went to pick up the entries and some of them were displayed at the Berlin Library for the two weeks prior to this meeting.

FiberFestival - Will be held November 5 & 6 at the Big E fairgrounds. We need volunteers to sign up for both days.

Local Groups – no report

Library Report - Elisabeth Wagner was not present so no report and no action on the new library policy.

Website Update –Jill Hawkins - There continues to be improvements to the web site. We need additional member’s lace creations for the Gallery. Work on the Forums is coming along; additional information will be available soon.

Anniversary Committee

Patty reported 30th anniversary of NELG will be in 2012. After the September meeting, she called back the venue that we had selected only to find out that they booked a wedding in the room next to us and the venue manager mentioned that it would be loud. This would not be an appropriate situation. Therefore back to square one for now. Anyone with information in the Sturbridge area is asked to forward information to Patty.

Patty motioned that the \$1,500 for expenses that was approved in September be reversed. Motion was seconded, Vote was 1 for (Patty) and 8 against. Allocation from our savings continues to stand at spending \$1,500 for the event.

Bylaw Committee – Patty Foley

No report.

Retreat Committee –Jill Hawkins

Report on 2012 & 2013 & 2014. The vendor for the three years will be Holly van Sciver.

Newsletter –Gail MacLean

Deadline – January 15th is the deadline for the next issue. The October issue came out yesterday. A copy was passed around for everyone to see.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - report by Winann and Bryce

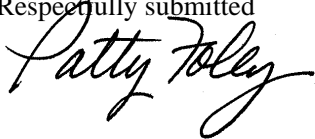
No report.

Nominating Committee

Patty reported that she has not received any volunteers for the committee. Next year's open positions are Vice President and Treasurer/Membership.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patty Foley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Patty Foley".