

New England Lace Group Minutes – January 17, 2015

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Marjorie Dashef, Member-at-Large; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

Members: Rita Bartholomew, Janet Blanchard, Linda Lane.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

President – Sharon Sacco

Minutes: The minutes of the Dec. 20, 2014 were distributed. Jim Martin moved they be approved; Marjorie Dashef seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Budget: A tentative 2014-15 budget was distributed. Sharon explained that it was largely based on the 2013-14 budget, with a few changes:

- Reduced printing expenditure under Member-at-Large. No brochures will be printed in the future; business cards are cheaper and just as effective.
- Expenses are included for setting up as a non-profit – insurance, filing fees, etc.
- Correctly shows transfer increase of scholarship funds.

Marjorie Dashef moved to accept the proposed budget; Jim Martin seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Financial Statement: Treasurer Barbara Morrow has provided a financial statement for Dec. 31, 2014, showing a total balance in all NELG accounts of \$11,641.45. Marjorie Dashef moved to accept the statement, Rita Bartholomew seconded. The financial statement was accepted unanimously.

IOLI Certificate: We have received a Certificate of Achievement from IOLI for our 2014 volunteer hours reported.

Member-at-Large – Marjorie Dashef

Marjorie noted that there is a printable form for reporting volunteer hours on the website for those who don't use the electronic version. She urged members to report all hours, including those for work on NELG activities and board duties, as well as for demonstrating.

Retreat

Registration forms will be available shortly. Prices will be maintained the same as last year, with a discount given for registration prior to March 15. Retreat

bobbins will be provided this year by a new vendor, Margaret Wall. Hollie van Sciver will again be our main vendor, as well as teach English laces. Allie Marguccio will be teaching Idrija lace, and her husband Tom will sell Idrija supplies – bobbins, pillows, etc.

Hollie is tentatively signed up for the 2016 Retreat, but suggestions are needed for a teacher. (It was also noted that Hollie is conducting a non-NELG workshop in Plymouth in Feb. 2015.)

Vice-President – Jim Martin

The February meeting will be devoted to discussion of how to get teaching stimulated and going – venues, possible teachers, co-teachers, coaching, etc. All ideas are welcome. This is critical to encouraging new members.

Carolyn Wetzel will lead a tatting workshop in March and Sharon Sacco will teach a Romanian Point lace project in April.

Marjorie Dashef moved the meeting be adjourned; Jim Martin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully,

Bryce Wolf, Clerk