

New England Lace Group Meeting, March 21, 2015

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

Members: Rita Bartholomew, Kate Moore, Carolyn Wetzel.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m.

President – Sharon Sacco

- **Retreat.** A report on the status of Retreat from Winann Steinmetz was presented. (Winann could not attend because of bad weather in CT.) At present 21 attendees, plus one visitor and the teachers, are now registered. Allie Marguccio's class is now filled. Holly has four students and can accommodate more. We have met our required minimum for our booking at Wareham.
- **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2015 were approved unanimously as amended on a motion made by Jim Martin, Marjorie Dashef seconding.
- **Bylaw changes.** Sharon stated that she has been working on changes to the NELG By-laws incrementally. Before going non-profit it is necessary to separate bylaws from rules and regulations, because the bylaws are sent to various agencies (state, federal) as part of our filing.

She described how the website has grown over the past few years, largely due to the efforts of Laurie Hughes, Carolyn Hastings, and Jill Hawkins. Compared to many other lace groups, ours appears to be pretty good. She proposed to include the position of Webmaster on the Executive Board. This would make it clear that the Board is responsible for the website and that it is not just the province of one individual. This requires certain additions to certain sections of the Bylaws and the addition of Section 8, which outlines the duties of the Webmaster.

Carolyn Wetzel moved to approve the bylaw change and Marjorie Dashef seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Scholarship Committee – Bryce Wolf

Bryce reported that we have now awarded the full \$500 of scholarship funds allocated in this year's budget. However, we still have additional requests outstanding and she suggested adding another \$200 to the line item. In discussion it was noted that we currently hold a solid balance. It was also mentioned that in the past some suggestion was made that funds from the

Retreat's Silent Auction, aside from those used for library purposes, might be devoted to scholarships and grants. It was agreed that funding options would be deferred to the May meeting for further discussion.

Marjorie Dashef then moved that \$200 be added to the scholarship fund on a one-time basis, Jim Martin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Outreach and Teaching – Sharon Sacco

There was a general discussion regarding methods and opportunities that might be pursued to reach and teach new students/members.

Member-At-Large – Marjorie Dashef

Marjorie reminded all to continue to report hours spent in volunteering. She noted that hours spent working on NELG matters also counted.

Vice President – Jim Martin

Jim announced the upcoming programs as follows:

- April – Sharon Sacco will conduct a workshop in Romanian Lace. She commented that it is helpful to have made the couching cord in advance of the meeting. Instructions are in the last newsletter.
- May – Retreat
- June – Business Meeting. Also work on individual projects.

Jim also passed out ATC kits to those interested in participating in this year's contest. Judging will be at the Retreat. He will mail a kit to anyone wanting one.

A motion was made by Kate Moore to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Wetzel. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf, Clerk