

New England Lace Group Meeting, May 14, 2016

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer; Susan Landry, Librarian; Kate Moore, Member-at-Large; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

Member and Guest Attendees: Eileen Collins, Rosalie Bares, Winann Steinmetz, Lynn Denette, Mary Lou Ricci, Lisa Taranto, Laura Bensley, Jackie Miller, Claire Settle, Mary Linden, Barb McGuire, Carolyn Purcell, Judy Anderson, Karen Davis, Holly Van Sciver, Claire Bouchard, Carolyn Wetzell, Linda Dumas, Janet Blanchard, Brenda Osborn, Carolyn Hastings, Anna Bone, Lorraine Weiss, Marjorie Dashef, Margaret Williams, Linda Lane

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

President: Sharon Sacco reported the loss of member Jeanne Goodwin who passed away last week. She was active with the Connecticut group of lacemakers. Sr. Claire made a few brief remarks on her behalf, noting that she now made the lace of angels.

Member-at-Large: Kate Moore stated that 2083 NELG volunteer hours had been reported to IOLI for this past year. Linda Lane was a major contributor, putting in 653 hours.

Retreat Committee: Winann Steinmetz raved first about our good weather! She thanked the many people who assisted in preparing for the Retreat, especially Jill Hawkins (badge design and more). Also noted were Rosalie Bares, Mary Linden (decorations), Judy Anderson (commemorative bobbins), Sr. Claire, and Bryce Wolf (silent auction). Teachers Louise Colgan and Holly Van Sciver were each presented with a gift of appreciation, and Rosalie Bares also presented a gift for Winann. Financially the Retreat appears to have done well, making a modest surplus.

Next year the Retreat will be held from May 18-21, 2017. The teachers will be Kim Davis from California who will teach wire lace, and Holly Van Sciver who will also be the vendor.

Commemorative bobbins are still available to those who did not previously order. Contact Rosalie Bares. They will be ordered and then mailed to the purchaser.

Members were encouraged to look at the ATC's displayed in the hall; ballots will be distributed shortly for voting. Members were also reminded that bidding on the Silent Auction items ends with the breakfast bell on Sunday.

Nominating Committee: Janet Blanchard and Kate Moore reported that Jim Martin (Vice President) and Barbara Morrow (Treasurer) have each agreed to

serve another term. We will be voting on these offices at our June meeting. Absentee ballots are available for those who cannot attend. It was noted that others are welcome and encouraged to serve NELG. There are a number of smaller volunteer opportunities available.

Gail MacLean stated that a correction must be made to the absentee ballot, as Kate Moore is currently shown where Barbara Morrow should be listed.

Vice President's Report: Jim Martin outlined the programs for the upcoming NELG meetings:

June: business meeting & lace-in

July & August: no scheduled meetings, local groups only

September: Carolyn Wetzel will make a presentation on Spanish lace

October: likely demonstration at Old Sturbridge Village

November: Winann Steinmetz will lead a workshop on paper embroidery

December: holiday party

Other Business: Karen Davis invited members to visit her in the Four Corners area of Colorado. All are welcome.

Marjorie Dashef moved, and Kate Moore seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf, Clerk