

## New England Lace Group Meeting, September 17, 2016

**Executive Board Attendance:** Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow Treasurer/Membership; Bryce Wolf, Librarian; Marjorie Dashef, Clerk.

**Members:** Carolyn Wetzel, Laura Bensley, Janet Blanchard, Winann Steinmetz, Linda Lane, Rosalie Barres

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

**President's Report:** Sharon Sacco by announcing board and committee changes: Bryce Wolf is the new Librarian and Marjorie Dashef is the new clerk. The Scholarship Committee is now Barbara Morrow and Janet Blanchard.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the June 18 were presented for approval. With several minor changes the motion to accept the minutes was made by Rosalie Bares and seconded by Barbara Morrow. They were unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Morrow presented the August 31, 2016 Year End Report. It shows that we have \$12,875.44. Barbara mentioned that with the use of PayPal there is a fee involved. Also mentioned is that we paid the website fee last year for 2 years so next year there will be a charge for it. A motion was made by Marjorie Dashef and seconded by Bryce Wolf. It was unanimously accepted.

**Retreat:** Winann Steinmetz gave a retreat updates and improvements to the process going forward. May's retreat made over \$1000.00

It takes 6 people per class to cover the cost of the instructor. The 2017 retreat dates are May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>. Holly Van Sciver will be teaching and vending. The other teacher is Kim Davis who will be teaching wire lace (suggestion to read bio online for more information). Karen Davis lost a wooden box with tools at the retreat. If anyone finds it please contact her. Next IOLI convention is July 16 – July 22, 2017. Suggestions going forward: the retreat books will close it's books on May 1<sup>st</sup> (a true deadline) and no changes in class attendance etc. will be made during the retreat.

**Big E:** The results are on the NELG blog and website. The ones Sharon Sacco knew about were: Hanka Robertson won Best of Division for Adult and that she, Sharon, won Best Needle Lace. There were 32 entries this year that is down from previous years. Attendance/participation goes up and down both at retreat and the Big E.

**Announcements:** Marjorie Dashef mentioned that Marni Harang was in a major bicycle accident in October 2015. As of Mid July 2016 she was still in rehab. This was posted on the blog. Sharon Sacco mentioned that Brenda Osborne visited Cuba and managed to connect with lacers there. These lacers are having difficulty getting thread so if you have any extra coordinate this with Brenda. The Fiber Festival in West Springfield will be on the blog.

**Vice President's Report:** Jim Martin went over coming meeting agendas

**October** – Road trip to Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, MA where we will be demonstrating.

Please register on-line as parking is free but there is an entrance fee that NELG will cover.

**November** -- Winann Steinmetz has a workshop on Xmas Holiday cards with Marlene Jordan. This is paper embroidery.

**December** – Our annual Holiday Party on 12/16 (third Saturday). We will have a gift swap and food.

**January** – Weather permitting is a Lace-In meeting

**Ongoing** – Business meetings and looking for suggestions

Bryce Wolf moved to that the meeting be adjourned and Barbara Morrow seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Dashef, Clerk