
New England Lace Group

Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2012

Executive Board Attendance: Patty Foley, President; Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Susan Benzer, Clerk; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President

Executive Board Absent: Mary Linden, Member at Large; Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian, Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Linda Lane, Lynne White, Catherine Morin SSJ, Bryce Wolfe, Jill Hawkins, Sharon Sacco, Jeanne Goodwin, Linda Sheff

Meeting called to order at 11:00. Due to time constraints (we need to be out by 1 due to a program conflict), some agenda items will be skipped over.

Clerk - Susan Benzer

Minutes from the December 17, 2011 Meeting Patty didn't finish them, so not available.

President Report - Patty Foley

- a. Non-Profit Status - no report
- b. Revenue Budget for 2011-2012 - no report
- c. Library Policy - see below
- d. Creative Arts Coordinator - since Jill Hawkins is moving back to England, we need a new coordinator.

Treasurer – Winann Steinmetz

Cash balances are \$9,483.14 as of January 31st. We have not begun to collect retreat money. Retreat registration began on February 1st.

Membership - Winann Steinmetz

Membership is currently 93 members. 15 memberships have lapsed. Yet some may renew as they register for retreat.

We were glad to welcome Jill Hawkins back here – She indicated that she is happy to be here and that her last treatment is Monday.

Programs - Vice President Carolyn Wetzel

a. Upcoming Year of programs

March program has been changed because Lies had a minor stroke. It may be rescheduled for a later date. We will have kits with homework before that program. The March program will be Irish crochet lace since the meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day. Normal time, not a late start as posted in the newsletter.

April - Jane Viking Swanson will do Battenberg.

May - Retreat.

June - Annual meeting.

IOLI update - not much action on name change. Very little chatter; Some discussion on scholarships - separate endowments or rolling dates?

Survey - worked well. See the newsletter for more information

CraftBoston - attend to scope out - NOT demonstrating.

ATC Challenge - Carolyn has kits. Stars - bring next month. Threads make the lace - Judy Nesbit has sent hers.

Member at Large - Mary Linden

May was not here today due to wedding shower.

a. Report volunteer hours to date - over 500, made up of 96 hours of travel time, other hours - prep, etc. 136. Make sure to include your time on making stars and threads make the lace.

Local Groups

Connecticut - Winann reported that it went well and we had a nice showing.

Central Massachusetts - Lies Stolk - not holding due to health issues. She is recovering well and will eventually re-establish a schedule – call her first.

Eastern Massachusetts - Bryce Wolf reported it was held at Sharon's. Nice time - new person joined then. Linda has arranged to have it at The World in Stitches in Littleton Ma on March 11th at 11:30 am.

Maine Study Group - Jeri Ames - no word from them.

Rhode Island, Vermont, & New Hampshire – no word yet

Special event to be held on April 11 - House of Seven Gables – a lecture on the power of dress. It is at 7 pm. \$15 for non-members.

Library Report - Elisabeth Wagner

Unable to attend meeting – Patty reported the following:

Report on books / borrowings 1 book borrowed since December.

On-Line update - 84 books have been loaded onto the library website. Patty expects to be done by March.

Website Update - Jill Hawkins

a. Report on improvements – Jill indicated to see her article in newsletter. Our first anniversary of website on Feb. 1; we had set up public forums read only. Only members can post; Members lace gallery is sparse - please send pictures to Jill; 2012 Lace Challenge is on the site now where you can retrieve information; Patterns for IOLI stars - will update with deadline info; New link to Sandi Woods site.

Anniversary Event - Patty Foley

a. Update – Patty will be meeting the manager today to try to get a lighter lunch menu option. Smaller venue so limited number of seats. Keynote speaker is Lauran Sundin and she has been asked to speak about her jewelry and using traditional lacemaking. She is thrilled to be asked to join us.

Bylaw Committee – Patty Foley, Jill Hawkins, Sharon Sacco

a. Update - no progress.

Retreat Committee - Jill Hawkins

a. Report on 2012 & 2013 & 2014 – Jill reported on our paperless registration. So far there have been 18 individuals registered; 10 for classes - 7 for Holly, 3 for Sally. The Early bird discount runs through Mar. 15 to save 5%. Deadline for bobbin orders is March 1st if you want them for retreat. This year is a lighthouse motif. Order for bobbins made after March 1st will be available in June.

b. Silent auction - Bryce is the contact. Please let her know if you have items.

Chairperson - Jill is moving back to England, so she will not be continuing as chair from here on. She indicated that she has a book with information needed and a time table and most of the work is complete for years 2013 and 2014; both the site and teachers are confirmed. Anyone interested, please contact Jill or Patty

Newsletter - Gail MacLean

Gail sent in her report - Our latest newsletter has more links in it. Paper members received the library inventory and membership directory.

Deadline for next newsletter – Send in your information by April 1st with publication for April 15th. It will contain absentee ballots for election.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce Wolf & Winann Steinmetz

a. Update – the co-shares are considering changing rolling date instead of January 31 for all events.

b. Positions to be elected June 2012 - Vice President & Treasurer/Membership

Nominating Committee

a. Committee members needed – Patty reported that she hopes to have some information shortly.

Creative Arts – Jill Hawkins

Winann's lace is pictured on the postcard. Fair dates are September 14 through 30th.
Deadline for entry forms is August 1st. Prizes – 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$17, and 3rd place \$14 plus Sponsor awards.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43am and we continued with Carolyn Wetzel's slide presentation on Irish laces.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer

PS - Linda Sheff brought Swedish and Spanish patterns with her.