
New England Lace Group

Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2012

Executive Board Attendance: Patty Foley, President; Winann Steinmetz, Treasurer & Membership; Susan Benzer, Clerk; Carolyn Wetzel, Vice President; Mary Linden, Member at Large; Elisabeth Wagner, Librarian

Executive Board Absent: Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Linda Lane, Lynne White, Bryce Wolf, Sharon Sacco, Jeanne Goodwin, Martine Cheri, Doris Schick, Wini Blacklow, Marjorie Dashef, Rosalie Bares

Meeting called to order at 11:07 am

Clerk - Susan Benzer

Minutes from the December 17, 2011 meeting - Motion made by Bryce, seconded by Sharon to vote for acceptance as presented with spelling corrections – motion passed unanimously. Minutes from the March 17, 2012 meeting - Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Wini to vote for acceptance as presented with spelling corrections – motion passed unanimously.

President Report - Patty Foley

- a. Non-Profit Status - no report
- b. Revenue Budget for 2011-2012 - no report

Treasurer – Winann Steinmetz

Report was given through March 31st. Cash balances totaled \$19,531.47 which includes retreat registration fees received to date of approximately \$10,800. Sacred Hearts has not yet been paid.

Membership - Winann Steinmetz

Membership is currently 95 members.

Programs - Vice President Carolyn Wetzel

a. Upcoming Year of programs

May – Will be Retreat.

June - Annual Meeting, with elections and will be a Lace-In program. Date for this program may be rescheduled due to a conflict at the Library. Watch for updates.

Retreat Committee - Jill Hawkins – Patty read her email

a. Report on 2012 – Holly's class is full and Sally has one seat left. Members can still order bobbins which will be sent in the second order and expected to be received in June. So far a total of 35 people have signed up to attend Retreat, including both teachers & Jerry.

b. Silent auction – Bryce reported the silent auction is going to be fabulous.

Member at Large - Mary Linden

a. Report volunteer hours to date – 652 volunteer hours submitted for last year – please update the site with your hours!!

- b. Demo / Class – was given at the Adult Learning Center affiliated with Albertus Magnus College in the New Haven area – Jill gave a talk, Winann, Barbara Doheny and Rosalie Bares assisted. They had approximately 12 students take the class.
- c. Demonstrations – Next Month – CT Sheep & Wool and Gore Place. Linda Lane will be at Gore Place
- d. Brochures for demo's – contact Patty or Mary – they will get you a packet of brochures to hand out!

Local Groups

Connecticut – Winann reported it was held at Gail MacLean's home in Norwalk. It went well with 13 attendees.

Central Massachusetts - Lies Stolk – has started up her lessons but is cutting back. Call her for the schedule.

Eastern Massachusetts - Bryce hosted this month's event – they enjoyed themselves with 8 attendees and welcomed a new woman from Wayland.

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

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

Western Massachusetts – Carolyn Wetzel will start with a get-together at her home. More news next month!

Library Report - Elisabeth Wagner

Report on books / borrowings - There has been only one book borrowed since December.

On-Line update – 184 books have been loaded onto the library website. One more box needs to be inputted.

Anniversary Event - Patty Foley

The event will be held at the Whistling Swan in Sturbridge – the date is October 20th, the regular NELG meeting. Begins at 11:30 am with a Meet and Greet. A lace display will be set up with entries from Creative Arts/Big E; Cost is set at approximately \$20 per person and will include a three course light lunch; speaker will be Luran Sudin. (Patty has final meeting later today).

Newsletter - Gail MacLean

Gail sent in her report – latest newsletter has more links in it. Those opting to receive it in paper received the library inventory and membership directory in their copy. Deadline for next newsletter is not set yet. Gail has asked for deadline(s) to be moved, but nothing has been determined yet.

Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce Wolf & Winann Steinmetz

- a. No Update

Nominating Committee

- a. Positions to be elected June 2012 - Vice President & Treasurer/Membership will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- b. Position of Treasurer/Membership – we need a nominee for this position.
- c. Librarians – Elisabeth is stepping down, we will need additional librarians.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon as motioned by Bryce and seconded by Sharon. We continued with Carolyn Wetzel's program and instruction on making Battenburg lace.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer