
New England Lace Group

Meeting Minutes, May 19, 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; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor

Member Attendees: Linda Lane, Bryce Wolf, Sharon Sacco, Jeanne Goodwin, Martine Cheri, Doris Schick, Marjorie Dashef, Rosalie Bares, Barbara Doheny, Anna Bone, Sr. Catherine Morin, Linda Sheff, Lorraine Weiss, Clare Settle, Laura Bensley, Barbara Morrow, Tina Allen, Jill Hawkins, Jackie Miller, Sr. Madeleine Cleverly, Barbara McGuire, Julie Boch, Judy Anderson, Karen Hansen

Guests: Nicole Banash, Holly Van Sciver, Sally Schoenberg

Meeting called to order at 12:36 pm

Retreat Committee - Jill Hawkins reported:

37 attendees. Made nearly \$2000 due to classes being filled and NOT counting silent auction proceeds. 2013 – Pompe Perry and Holly van Sciver will be the teachers. Holly will be vending. 2014 – Ulrike will be teaching “something new”. Bobbins are still available for purchase through the website.

Programs - Vice President Carolyn Wetzel

Rest of Year of programs. June - annual meeting. Elections, lace-in. Currently scheduled for the second Saturday due to conflict at library. Watch for updates.

Treasurer – Winann Steinmetz

Update through Apr 30, 2012 - Winann Steinmetz - Balance \$19,001.69 as of April 30 - includes retreat money collected by attendees, but not yet paid to Sacred Heart.

Membership - Winann Steinmetz

Membership is currently 97 members.

President Report - Patty Foley

Thanked officers for efforts this year. The website has had 2800 visits from 48 countries. Jill will continue to work on the website from England. Thanked the nominating committee, especially Doris Schick, for convincing Bryce to run for VP. No candidate has come forward for Treasurer/Membership - still looking for a volunteer. Volunteering - over 1200 hours will be reported to IOLI.

Creative Arts – Big E

Opening day is Sept. 14. Liaison is still needed. Anyone who is interested should talk to Jill Hawkins or Patty Foley. Entries are due Aug. 5, entry fee is \$5 but the late fee is \$15. If you plan to demo, please sign up early on the NELG website so that the parking pass and tickets can get to you on time. Sign up times are for a minimum of 4 hours.

Library Report

All the books are now on the website. The collection has been weeded. Need more library assts - talk to Patty.

Anniversary Event

Locale - the Duck & Swan (formerly known as the Whistling Swan) in Sturbridge. Smaller venue so limited number of seats. Keynote speaker is Luran Sundin. Lace as jewelry. The event will be on Oct. 20, starting at 11:30 with a Meet & Greet. A lace display will be set up (entries from Creative Arts). Cost is \$20.00 per person.

Annual Meeting

Open positions - Vice President & Treasurer/Membership. Absentee ballots are available at the retreat or downloadable from the website.

New Business

Congratulations to Carolyn Wetzel for her second article for Piecework magazine in their special lace issue.

Clerk - Susan Benzer

Minutes from the April 21, 2012 meeting - Motion made by Rosalie Bares, seconded by Clare to vote for acceptance as presented with spelling corrections – motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer