
New England Lace Group

Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2012

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

Executive Board Absent: Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Librarian – unfilled position; Mary Linden, Member at Large

Member Attendees: Bryce Wolf, Linda Sheff, Sharon Sacco, Claire Bouchard

Meeting called to order at 11:18 a.m.

President Report – Patty Foley

Personally thanked outgoing officers for their hardworking years of service. Thank you to Winann for 9 years as Treasurer; to Carolyn for her wonderful programs; and Elisabeth for her 6 years as librarian. Their work has made a big difference for NELG.

Voting for Officers

The nominating committee (thank you to Doris Schick) has nominations for Bryce Wolf for Vice President and Karen Hansen for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Patty Foley motioned that we accept the slate as presented. Carolyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There were 7 absentee ballots, all of which voted for Bryce for Vice President and Karen for Treasurer.

Treasurer Report- Winann Steinmetz

- a. Winann reported the balance was \$11,149.99 as of May 31. There are still some outstanding retreat bills.
- b. Any remaining bills, that members may have, need to be submitted to Winann by Aug15.

Membership - Winann Steinmetz

- a. Update on members - health, wealth and welfare – no news, still 97 members.

Programs - Vice President Carolyn Wetzal

- a. She received a thank you note from the Minnesota Lace Society for all the stars submitted for the IOLI annual convention.

Retreat Committee- awaiting for co-chairs

- a. Winann volunteered to chair the committee.
- b. Winann reported that there was \$1,202 in profit from the retreat and we made \$1,214 on the silent auction – estimated until final bills are settled.

Member at Large – Mary Linden

- a. It was reported that we had 1314 volunteer hours for 2011 to IOLI.
- b. We were also reminded to submit our hours through the website.
- c. Upcoming events – Deerfield, VT – see the website for details.

Creative Arts - Big E

- Opening day is Sept. 14.

- a. Rosalie Bares volunteered to be the liaison.
- b. Patty Foley already has received an entry. Applications are due Aug. 5.

Local groups

- a. Connecticut Lace Day was at Jill's. 15 attended.
- b. Lace at Lies – still not being held. She is taking it easy.
- c. Sunday Lace Group – talk to Bryce for info.
- d. Lace Group – Western Mass – no second meeting yet, but there is interest in pursuing this in the fall.
- e. Maine/Jeri Ames – no report
- f. Other areas – no report

Library Report -

- a. Still looking for assistants to take 3 boxes and cart to meetings. The collection is not insured yet.

Anniversary Event - Patty Foley

- a. No updates.

Newsletter – Gail MacLean

- a. One third of the members receive a black & white copy via mail. We exchanged with 8 other lace groups.
- b. New publishing schedule – Feb 1st, May 1st, Aug 1st, Nov 1.

Scholarship & Grants Committee

- a. There was an extensive discussion about the Jan. 31 deadline in the guidelines being too restrictive. Eventually, Bryce moved to amend paragraph 2 of the guidelines to read:

“2. Applicants are encouraged to submit an application as soon as they think they might have need of funding, but a minimum of three months before the proposed activity whenever possible. Because funds are awarded on a first-come basis, early application is recommended.”

The motion was seconded by Sharon Sacco. The vote was 5-3 with dissenting votes from Patty Foley, Susan Benzer, and Linda Sheff.

Clerk – Susan Benzer

May 19, 2012 minutes – Motion made by Carolyn Wetzal to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Bryce Wolf. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Benzer