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## New England Lace Group

### Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2012

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Executive Board Attendance: Patty Foley, President; Bryce Wolf, Vice President; Susan L. Benzer, Clerk; Mary Linden, Member at Large

Executive Board Absent: Karen Hansen, Treasurer & Membership; Librarian – unfilled position; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor;

Member & Guest Attendees: Rosalie Bares, Marjorie Dashef, Linda Lane, Jim Martin, Sr. Catherine Morin, Barbara Morrow, Sharon Sacco, Doris Schick, Linda Sheff, Ellen St. Clair, Winann Steinmetz, Lynne White, Jane Fletcher

Meeting called to order at 11 a.m.

#### Clerk – Susan Benzer

- October 20, 2012 minutes – Motion made by Bryce Wolf to accept the minutes seconded by Barbara Morrow. Motion passed unanimously

#### President Report – Patty Foley

- The NELG magnet pins received at the Luncheon will be sent to new and renewing members throughout the Anniversary year.
- Luran thanks us for choosing her to talk at our Luncheon. Patty is exploring a way to have her teach a class for our group. It may be year or two before she can be booked.

#### Treasurer – Karen Hansen

- Update through October 31, 2012 – (read by Patty to group)
- Hello, lace makers! It is wonderful to see the images from the highly successful anniversary luncheon!
- I hope that none of you was affected by Hurricane Sandy – I was and apologize for some slowness in support for NELG caused by that. We in Virginia are still digging out from power failures but expect to be fully caught up by the end of November.
- At the close of October, I am pleased to report that the New England Lace Group has a total of \$9,797.41 in cash.
- Operating cash at the beginning of the year (9/1/2012) amounted to \$9,907.07 and has been reduced over the past two months by \$1,757.66 so that now we have \$8,151.41 at October 31.
- During the first two months of this year, we have received \$300 in membership dues, \$15 in donations, and \$1.68 in interest, for a total inflow of \$316.68. We spent \$28.00 for programs, \$373.80 for the Member-at-large expenses (mostly printing), \$38.22 for treasurer expenses, \$90.21 for president's expenses (which include bobbins commemorating the

service of NELG officers and volunteers), \$1,044.11 in net anniversary luncheon expenses, and \$10 in scholarship expense.

#### Membership – Karen Hansen

- As of October 31st, membership stood at 96 members.
- Since September we gain five new members and four members lapsed. The new members were included in November issue of the newsletter where you can read all about them.
- I have assigned the lapsed members between Patty and I and we will be investigating the reasons the individuals have not renewed.

#### Programs – Vice President – Bryce Wolf

- December will be a holiday party, bring some treats to snack on, bring your lace to share, and if you wish to join in the grab bag, then a small wrapped lace related gift would be appreciated (not required).
- Bragging Rights! - Thanks to Doris, Jim, and Barbara Kirk (via Linda Sheff) for displaying items on this month's table.

#### Anniversary Event – Patty Foley

- It was a sold out crowd that enjoyed the event held at the Whistling Swan in Sturbridge. The pictures from that day, thanks to Gail Maclean and Vi Eastman who sent in more pictures, are on the front page of the website. The Video that was shown that day is also available on the front page.

#### Member at Large – Mary Linden

- Over 700 hours are reported so far. Please continue to report your hours.
- For those volunteering at Big E and Fiber Fest, we must inform staff at least 4-6 weeks prior to get tickets. That way tickets can come to Mary and she can redistribute them to volunteers, otherwise no tickets.
- Mary showed up a nifty printed cardboard shuttle that she obtained from Palmetto Tatters Guild with NELG printed on them. It is great to hand out at demo's – call Mary for a supply.
- Deerfield Sampler Show is next weekend at Deerfield – this weekend we are at the Christmas Deerfield show held at the Big E Better Living building. Linda Sheff mentioned the Castleberry Fair organization as they have many fairs throughout the year. Many of their shows are juried shows and she has made an inquiry as to be able to demo at them.

#### Creative Arts – Rosalie Bares

- Patty thanked her for gathering the Big E Entries and taking them to the Luncheon. Attendees were delighted to see them. Two winners left their 'yellow' ribbons behind – please contact Rosalie to have them sent to you.

#### Local Groups

- Connecticut Lace Day - Winann Steinmetz – Storm Sandy interfered with the November gathering and it was cancelled due lack of power. The December gathering is at Barbara Doheny's in Hamden and she does a beautiful party.
- Sunday Lace Group - Eastern Massachusetts - Bryce Wolf

- Lace Group - Western Massachusetts, there were seven folks that attended so it looks like this may be a viable gathering!
- Maine Study Group - Jeri Ames - textile collection at V & A is closed while they renovate. She also talked about Hawthorpe Hall, which has the second largest textile collection in England is open! So if you are in the neighborhood, stop by.
- Other areas - Rhode Island, Vermont, & New Hampshire  
Evelyn Gant has been having lace days in Vermont. The next one is December 3.

#### Library Report - Open position for librarian and two other assistants

- Update – 9 books were borrowed by 4 people in September and October

#### Retreat Committee - Winann Steinmetz / Patty Foley

- Pompey Parry and Holly will be teaching. Holly will be vending. Classes will be limited to 10 students. More info will be forthcoming. Registration sign up opens up on February 1st with an early bird discount.
- Ulrike will be here for 2014 along with Holly
- 2015 - Winann is coordinating with Suzie Johnson of PA as it has allowed us to obtain teachers and share the cost. Her inquiry for Hinojosa lace teacher, Mariña Regueiro was met with good interest.

#### Website Update - Jill Hawkins

- We have now over 4000 individuals have hit our site. We are working on a book review section and will be sending out a survey within the month.

#### Newsletter - Gail MacLean

- It was published late due to Storm Sandy. It is our largest issue with 20 pages. It was mailed out to 29 people at a cost of approximately \$90. We are starting to plan out the next four issues so we can be packed with lots of great stories and articles for our members.

#### Scholarship & Grants Committee - Bryce Wolf & Winann Steinmetz

- Awards from August 31, 2012 through October 31, 2012 - 1 application for retreat. So if you think you might need money, apply as soon as you can.

#### IOLI Update

- The Name change is noted in newsletter. There is also a contest to design a new logo. Go to their website for more information.

With business completed, Bryce Wolf moved seconded by Rosalie Bares that the meeting adjourn at 11:43 a.m. We welcomed Sadelle Wiltshire and Ann Coakley from Vermont who will be running our program for the day – Zentangles – Art as Relaxation / Art as Meditation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Benzer