

New England Lace Group Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2014

Executive Board Attendees: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer; Marjorie Dashef, Member at Large.

Members: Patty Foley, Linda Lane, Doris Schick and Bryce Wolf.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

President – Sharon Sacco

- The November meeting will focus on a workshop presented by Carolyn Wetzel and will also include a short business meeting.
- Bryce Wolf has agreed to serve as Clerk for the coming year.
- The proposed bylaw revisions are not yet complete, but are still being worked on. The bylaws of IOLI and the Finger Lakes Guild are being used as models to be modified for our purposes. The new bylaws will then be reviewed for legality. NELG already had a tax ID, but will need to incorporate in either MA or CT. We will then attempt to acquire non-profit status. Fortunately, it appears the process has recently been simplified and can be speeded up.

Treasurer's Report – Patty Foley, past Treasurer

Patty reviewed the Fiscal Year End 2014 Budget report. Total revenues were \$4,429.63, which was \$2,3354.63 over the budgeted amount. Although not all expenditures have been reported, total expenses were \$2,569.82, which is \$967.18 less than budgeted. Retreat costs and revenues are handled somewhat separately from the general budget. Total cash on hand is now \$12,085 in all accounts.

It was noted that scholarship disbursement for scholarships given toward Retreat was not included in the account.

Barbara Morrow moved, and Marjorie Dashef seconded, a motion to approve the fiscal year report. The motion passed unanimously.

Big E

Patty reported that there was some mixup in obtaining prize gift certificates but that it has been resolved. General remarks were made regarding the good variety and excellent quality of the substantial number of Big E entries.

Recognitions

Sharon Sacco presented small gifts to Patty Foley and Bryce Wolf in recognition of their past service as Treasurer and Vice President, respectively. Each received a small, carefully executed, framed bobbin lace heart made by Sharon. Lovely.

Demonstrations – Marjorie Dashef, Member at Large

Marjorie reported that persons registering to demonstrate on the NELG website will be contacting the event organizer, not her, as she often does not have the necessary information regarding exact time, parking, etc. She is, however, handling Big E demonstrations in the usual way. She also has hotel information for the West Springfield area if wanted. All slots for the event at Plimoth Plantation are now filled.

She announced that once again Fiber Fest of New England will be held at the Big E fairgrounds November 1-2. Because it draws fiber enthusiasts, it is often a good demonstration opportunity.

Vice President's Report - Jim Martin

The October NELG off-site meeting is still in planning. Together with Carolyn Wetzel, he is hoping to arrange a trip to the Armenian Museum in Watertown MA. This would fit nicely with Carolyn's proposed workshop in November.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marjorie Dashef, seconded by Patty Foley. By unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bryce Wolf