

New England Lace Group Meeting, November 21, 2015

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Kate Moore, Member-at-Large; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

Members: Rosalie Bares, Janet Blanchard, Laura Bensley, Anna Bone, Marjorie Dashef, Lynn Denette, Linda Dumas, Linda Lane, Mary Linden, Catherine Moran, Sr. Rhea Quintin, Hanka Robertson, Winann Steinmetz, Carolyn Wetzell.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

Introductions were made all around.

Minutes: Barbara Morrow moved that the minutes of June 15, 2015 be approved; Rosalie Bares seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. Winann Steinmetz moved that the minutes of Sept. 15, 2015 be approved; Barbara Morrow seconded. These minutes were also approved unanimously.

President's Report: Sharon Sacco stated that while no progress has yet been made on filing for not-for-profit status, it is still in the works.

She stated that the chapter has received a 2015 Certificate of Achievement from I.O.L.I. for reporting over 2,000 volunteer hours served. Linda Lane, who often demonstrates lacemaking at the House of Seven Gables in Salem, is our top volunteer.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Morrow stated the books are now closed and complete for the year ending in August 2015. Although we did a little better than expenses on the Retreat, we were a little over budget overall for the year. However, we have sufficient funds to cushion. One reason for the higher expense is that we paid for two years of website service, rather than one, which allowed us to lock in the old rate. Our largest expense is our newsletter.

We have had no major recent expenditures. We have also gained approximately 10 new members.

The question was raised as to whether we are maintaining a spread sheet on all memberships. Barbara will look into it. It was also noted that speaker fees at Retreat should be charged to the Program line. Barbara will check to see if that was done, and make a correction if necessary.

Mary Linden moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Winann Steinmetz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Sacco noted that both the Vice President and Treasurer positions will be open for next year. Kate Moore volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. One more volunteer is needed.

NELG Business cards: Winann Steinmetz and Rosalie Bares are working on developing business cards for NELG members.

Display Materials: Carolyn Wetzel reported that Brigita Fuhrmann has donated a number of materials to NELG that will be useful for display at lacemaking demonstrations.

Beginner Equipment: Jim Martin reported that Doris Schick has generously donated bobbins, pillows and other equipment useful for loaning to beginners. Members should contact Jim if wanted.

Sturbridge Library Fees: Jim Martin stated that the library has begun charging a \$10 fee to users serving refreshments. As we often have snacks and/or beverages, this would amount to about \$70/year. Bryce Wolf moved to approve the fee as a meeting expense. Sr. Rhea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Retreat: A reminder was made that Retreat will be held the weekend after Mother's Day in May – May 13-15, 2016. Louise Colgan will teach Milanese, and Holly van Sciver will teach English laces and vend. Chris Parsons will be making the commemorative bobbins.

Upcoming Programs: Jim Martin noted that the December meeting has been moved up to the second Saturday, Dec. 12, so as to not be too close to Christmas. This will be our annual holiday party with refreshments and an optional gift exchange. In January we will be evaluating and reminiscing over many items collected and maintained by our historian. In February Bryce Wolf will show how to use tatting and baby lace to make and edge small irregular items such as bookmarks and valentines. Sharon Sacco will demonstrate ways of attaching lace edgings to items such as handkerchiefs in March. And in April, Mary Linden will lead a workshop on making the threadcatchers that were gifted as favors at last year's Retreat.

Rosalie Bares moved that the meeting be adjourned; Jim Martin seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf
Clerk