

New England Lace Group Meeting, 19 March 2016

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer

Members: Rosalie Bares, Rita Bartholomew, Linda Lane, Winann Steinmetz, Ildiko Trieloff

The meeting started at 11:08 AM.

Treasurer's Update: Barbara Morrow reported that the balance of accounts is currently \$20,755.51. This includes the money for the retreat. First payment to Sacred Hearts, the retreat facility, will be made shortly.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the 20 February meeting were distributed and read. Rosalie Bares made a motion to accept. Barbara Morrow seconded the motion. The acceptance passed unanimously.

Big E: Sharon Sacco reminded everyone that entries for the Big E were due around the end of July. Everyone is encouraged to enter. People were encouraged to start work now since finishing three entries between the entry deadline and the drop off date in early September is difficult. Barbara Morrow reminded everyone that entering (and dropping off the entry) entitles you to free parking and entry to the Big E.

Nominating Committee: The committee seems to be doing well. More than one candidate is allowed, so if you are so moved to run for an office, please contact Janet Blanchard or Kate Moore.

Retreat: Winann Steinmetz reported that 34 people are coming. 32 people will need rooms. All classes are filled, and waitlists are being made. There is one person on the waitlist for Louise Colgan's class.

People were also reminded of the silent auction at the retreat. The proceeds are donated to NELG. People are encouraged to clean out closets to find books, old lace, bobbins and thread to donate.

Other Learning Opportunities: Heritage Village Lace Guild is once again offering a seminar, 4 – 5 June in Amherst, New York. Susan Wenzel will be offering an Introduction to 's Gravenmoerse among other offerings. Please contact Sharon Sacco for more information.

Vice President's Report: Jim Martin announce the next few meetings:

- Mary Linden will be doing thread catchers in April
- The May meeting is at the retreat
- The June meeting is the Annual Meeting and elections followed by a lace-in

Jim has received an application form to demo at Old Sturbridge Village the weekend of 10 – 11 September. We will be notified of acceptance mid August.

CT Sheep and Wool: Barbara Morrow reminded everyone that the CT Sheep and Wool demo is coming up 30 April. Rita Bartholomew, Barbara Morrow and Clare Settle will be

attending. It is a nice little event. Demonstrators will be in an outdoor tent, so dress warmly.

Barbara Morrow made a motion to close the meeting. Rosalie Bares seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Sacco, President from notes by Winann Steinmetz