

New England Lace Group Meeting, April 16, 2016

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

Members: Rosalie Bares; Rita Bartholomew; Laura Bensley; Janet Blanchard; Marjorie Dashef; Linda Dumas; Carolyn Hastings; Linda Lane; Mary Linden; Winann Steinmetz.

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

Minutes: Rosalie Bares moved that the minutes of March 16, 2016 be approved; Winann Steinmetz seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Morrow reported that NELG has approximately \$22,700 cash on hand; this is prior to expenses to be paid for Retreat. Receipts for Retreat are doing well; there should be no trouble meeting expenses. Other yearly expenses are either on target or under budget. There was a brief discussion regarding Paypal. It was agreed that it is convenient to use, but the annual cost in fees of about \$300 should be acknowledged. Bryce Wolf moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Jim Martin seconded. The Report was accepted unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Janet Blanchard reported that there are two openings for the coming year, and the two incumbents have graciously agreed to serve a second term: Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer. Those present enthusiastically thanked them for their service and their willingness to continue.

Retreat: Winann Steinmetz reported that attendance at Retreat is expected to be good, with 33 registered to be staying at the center, and two more coming in as day students. This is expected to cover all costs. Again, a masseuse will be available to stiff and weary lacers through individual sign-up and payment. She also noted that this year there may be some door prizes. Bryce Wolf reminded everyone to not forget donations to the Silent Auction.

Big E: Sharon Sacco urged members to submit lace items to the Big E. She noted that the cost is low and the rewards can easily make it worthwhile. Mary Linden noted that this year is the 100th Anniversary of the Big E, if inspiration is needed.

Vice President's Report: Jim Martin outlined the program schedule for our upcoming meetings:
today – Mary Linden workshop on “threadcatchers”

May – Retreat and ATCs

June – Annual Meeting, elections & lace-in

September – Carolyn Wetzel presentation on her trip & Spanish lace

October – TBD, will be away from Sturbridge

November – Winann Steinmetz workshop on paper embroidery

December – Holiday party.

Other Business: Kate Moore stated that the demonstration date at Plimoth Plantation has been moved to later in September. She will have the new date shortly.

Winann Steinmetz reported that thanks to Jim Martin NELG business cards are now printed and available for distribution at demonstrations and other public events. Several members took cards to have available.

Several members will be demonstrating at the Connecticut Sheep and Wool Festival on April 30. Those interested should contact Barbara Morrow for passes.

Marjorie Dashef moved to adjourn the meeting; Barbara Morrow seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf, Clerk