

New England Lace Group Meeting, June 18, 2016

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

Members Attending: Janet Blanchard, Marjorie Dashef, Linda Lane.

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

President's Report: Sharon Sacco began by noting that although this June meeting was scheduled largely as a business meeting, she had hoped for greater attendance. She presented her president's report for the year, noting the many demonstrations resulting in lots of volunteer hours, especially when compared to other IOLI chapters. The Retreat appears to have been a great success and she thanked all the members of the Retreat committee. Overall membership remains stable at about 100. Participation at meetings has unfortunately been relatively low and she is uncertain how to boost. The NELG Library has expanded, especially with the gift of many books from Carolyn Purcell. She thanked all members for their support this past year.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Morrow stated that Retreat ended with a surplus of about \$1000. Classes were full with 10 participants each (planning is for a minimum of 6 each). The silent auction garnered a little over \$600.

Vice-President's Report: Jim Martin reported on the past year's activities:

September – demonstration at Old Sturbridge Village

October – visit to Mansfield CT Historical Society

November – wire lace workshop with Bryce Wolf

December – holiday party (unfortunately attendance was low, even with the date change)

January – overview of historical laces

February – small projects (bookmarks, coasters) with Bryce Wolf

March – workshop in attaching lace with Sharon Sacco

April – workshop making threadcatcher with Mary Linden

May – Retreat (6 ATC's were submitted for competition!)

Minutes: Marjorie Dashef moved, and Barbara Morrow seconded, that the minutes of the April 16 meeting be approved. The minutes were unanimously accepted. Barbara Morrow moved, and Marjorie Dashef seconded, that the minutes of the May 14 meeting be approved. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

American Textile Museum in Lowell: Marjorie Dashef reported that the museum has closed. Sharon Sacco confirmed this unfortunate news, adding that the museum intends to disincorporate and disperse its collections.

New Officers: Jim Martin and Barbara Morrow have agreed to continue to serve as Vice-President and Treasurer, respectively, for the coming two-year term. There are no other nominations. Both individuals were elected unanimously. The membership congratulated and thanked both members for their service!

Vice-President's Report Cont.: Jim Martin outlined the schedule for next year. First, he would like to encourage all lacers to submit entries to the Big E.

September – Carolyn Wetzel will present on Spanish needlelace and her trip to Spain.

We also hope to demonstrate again at Old Sturbridge Village, and will get confirmation by August.

October – offsite visit to Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. NELG will cover admission fees.

November – workshop on paperpunch embroidery with Winann Steinmetz

December – holiday party (note date of Dec. 16th).

Any and all ideas are encouraged for spring planning!

Regarding ATCs, he stated that he had received requests that information about the ATCs be distributed earlier to allow more planning. He has agreed to announce the May ATC theme earlier in the fall, but will have the packet ready as usual in February.

Plimoth Plantation demonstration: Kate Moore stated that she still has no information yet about demonstrating at Plimoth Plantation this fall. However, she noted that a 2-day beginning lacemaking class will be offered in September.

Janet Blanchard moved that the meeting be adjourned, Kate Moore seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryce Wolf, Clerk