

New England Lace Group Meeting, November 19, 2016

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow Treasurer/Membership; Bryce Wolf, Librarian; Marjorie Dashef, Clerk.

Members and Guests: Janet Blanchard, Winann Steinmetz, Linda Lane, Rosalie Barres, Pam Engberg, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Malin Goodwin, Donna Corio, Rita Bartholomew, Carmen Bartholomew

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

President's Report: Sharon Sacco began by suggesting we go around and introduce ourselves because there were new faces in the audience. Elections for a new president (Sharon has some ideas for this office) and member at large will take place in June. Sharon is looking for people to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Our 35th Anniversary takes place September 2017. On our 20th Penny Piip brought in a cake, on our 25th Jill Hawkins coordinated a Tea, on the 30th Patty Foley organized a luncheon. If anyone is interested in coordinating a 35th Anniversary activity let Sharon know. The demonstrating season is almost over – our last big demonstrating was at the Fiber Festival in West Springfield. Sharon thanked every one who volunteered as we all know it's part of our charter with IOLI. Please enter your volunteer hours on the website.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 17 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Rosalie Bares and seconded by Bryce Wolf. They were unanimously accepted

Announcements: Linda Lane mentioned that Father Stan from Wareham had a recent heart attack. Marjorie Dashef brought in a card for members to sign. Discussion on supporting the Sacred Heart retreat with a donation of \$120/year was discussed – this will be an agenda item for next meeting. If anyone is interested in donating threads for use by Cuban lacers, Brenda Osborne threads by December 4th. Threads will be sent to Cuba via friend going to Cuba.

Retreat: Winann Steinmetz announced the 2017 dates for the retreat: May 18th through May 21st. Our teachers will be: Holly Van Sciver: Teaches multiple laces at any levels.

Kim Davis: Wire Lace

Vendor will be Van Sciver Lace (Holly and Gerry). We are limited in teacher choices because whenever Holly vends she teaches. This limits who we can invite as teachers because of overlap.

Vice President's Report: Jim Martin went over coming meeting agendas

December – Our annual Xmas Party on 12/17th (third Saturday). We will have a gift swap and food. Please join us.

January – Weather permitting is a Lace In meeting. The retreat challenge will be announced.

February– Sharon Sacco will reveal the difference between spiders and snowflakes

March or April – Road trip to Carolyn Samonds. She has invited us to see her lace collection

Jim ended with plea for suggestions or ideas.

Librarian Report: Bryce Wolf reported that new books have been added to the library list on the website. She is also looking for new book suggestions. Some books have been out for a long time. Please return them so they can circulate. Suggestion of Jim Martin that there be some sort of reminder sent to members who have had books for a long time.

Bryce Wolf moved to that the meeting be adjourned and Barbara Morrow seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Dashef, NELG Clerk