

New England Lace Group Meeting, 21 January 2017

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

Members and Guests: Malin Goodwin, Rita Bartholomew, Carmen Bartholomew, and Denise Kinsley

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

Minutes: The minutes from the November 19 were presented for approval. A typo was noted for change. Motion to accept the minutes with the change was made by Jim Martin and seconded by Rita Bartholomew. They were unanimously accepted

President:

- Introductions were made since we had new people.
- The passing of Father Stan from the Sacred Heart Retreat Center was noted.
- Nominating Committee is still a work in progress, but expected to be in place soon.
- Everyone was reminded that the retreat will be held 18 – 21 May 2017. The teachers will be Holly Van Sciver (who will be teaching beginning, Torchon, English, Russian, and Contemporary Laces) and Kim Davis (who will be teaching wire lace). The wire lace class is anticipated to be very popular, so early sign up is encouraged. The bobbins will have an osprey on them this year.
- Since Kate Moore could not attend, everyone who still needs to submit volunteer hours for last year was encouraged to do so as soon as possible since IOLI will need them soon.
- Discussion of any donations to Sacred Hearts was tabled until February due to the small number of people.

Vice President:

- **Upcoming meetings**
 - February: Spiders and Snowflakes. More information will be available shortly. People at the meeting were able to see samples.
 - March: Netting with Rita. We will be making a square mesh bookmark. Registration will be required well in advance so that materials can be assembled
 - April: A Road Trip to Amherst to visit Carolyn Samonds. She will be showing lace in her collection, so bring a magnifier. She is also downsizing, so there may be items for purchase. Note that the directions will be sent individually to people who register and will not be published on the website.
 - May: The NELG retreat at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham MA.
 - June: Elections and Business meeting followed by “Net designs on square mesh” with Rita Bartholomew.
- **ATC Challenge**
 - The theme of this year’s ATC Challenge is “Birds of a Feather”. This year’s packet does not contain special thread. Also note that there is a change in the rules this year. Each entrant will receive at most one award. Packets are now available.

Announcements: No other announcements this month.

Jim Martin moved to that the meeting be adjourned and Rita Bartholomew seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon, NELG President