

New England Lace Group Meeting 18 November 2017

Executive Board Attendance: Rita Bartholomew, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer/Membership; Bryce Wolf, Librarian; Jill Hawkins, Webmaster.

Members and Guests: Beth Parkes, Winann Steinmetz, Mary Linden, Carmen Bartholomew, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Wini Blacklow, Linda Lane

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am

Introductions were made.

New England Fiber Festival

The differing experiences of Saturday and Sunday were discussed, as pertaining to the location. Jill offered to email Jane Chapman to see if different arrangements could be made for next year.

The feasibility of having designated individuals responsible for each day was brought up and discussed. It was agreed that the Webmaster will send a list of registrations for an event to all registrants so that everyone is aware of who is expected to be attending on which day. We will also be asking for a volunteer to be responsible for overseeing each day, including getting the NELG banner, setting up, displaying the banner, and having sufficient NELG business cards. Note: This will be for all multi-day events, not just the NE Fiber Festival.

Massachusetts Sheep Wool and Craft

NELG has been offered an opportunity to demonstrate. Jill will add it to the calendar. We need someone who lives near there and plans to attend to be point of contact. Jill suggested contacting Carolyn Wetzel who has attended before.

Budget for coming year

Presented by Barbara Morrow. Motion to accept it made by Bryce. Wini Blacklow seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Not-for-profit status

The need to move forward and obtain a not-for-profit status was explained by Jill. As NELG has a healthy bank balance, Jill proposed that NELG pay for the cost of hiring an attorney to take care of this for us. Barbara Morrow volunteered to be the point person for this. She will initially look into how much it will cost to have an attorney do all the paperwork and will report back. Bryce also mentioned that her daughter might be able to help, but as a new mother her time is limited. Jim Martin moved that Barbara find out the cost of an attorney. Barbara seconded the motion.

Upcoming activities

Jim Martini described the activities planned through the spring:

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| Dec 16: | Holiday party, gift exchange under \$10 |
| Jan 20: | Nancy Neff will be discussing the construction of lace |
| Feb 17: | Jim will demo software to design bobbin lace |
| Mar 17: | Sharon will help us learn about tatting using foreign language patterns |
| Apr 21: | Jeri Ames will help us learn about lace with examples from her own collection |

Library

Bryce Wolf asked for suggestions for book titles for the library. Jill requested that new titles be forwarded to her and Gail so they can be included on the website and newsletter so that members are aware when we have acquired new items.

Retreat 2018

Winann shared photos of the new location for May's retreat. Among the changes will be the availability of more single rooms, although there is an increase in cost for these. Also, there will be no part time classes - full workshops only. Information regarding pricing will be available in late January.

Barbara moved that the meeting be adjourned and Bryce seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12.10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bartholomew