

New England Lace Group Meeting, 15 February 2020

Executive Board Attendance: Jill Hawkins, Webmaster; Bryce Wolf, Librarian

Members: Carmen Bartholomew, Rita Bartholomew, Marjorie Dashef, Jim Martin, Carolyn Purcell, Hanka Robertson, Sharon Sacco

Guest: Barbara Giguere

The meeting started at 11:00 AM.

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the 23 November 2019 meeting were reviewed. A minor correction was noted. The last line under the Newsletter Section should replace raise by raised. Hanka Robertson motioned to accept, Bryce Wolf seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved.

VP Programs update: Despite being unable to attend, Kate Moore sent the current program schedule:

- March – Diagonal Half Stitch
- April – TBD
- May – Annual Retreat
- June – Annual Meeting

The tentative annual October road trip is at the Berkshire Historical Society in Pittsfield, MA. They have offered to let us see their lace collection. The entrance fee is \$17, so the treasurer will need to check the budget. This would be on 17 October 2020.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Sacco has volunteered to be on the committee once again.

Member at Large: The new Vermont Sheep & Wool in Tunbridge VT will be held on October 3 & 4. It will go up on the website where people can sign up to demonstrate.

The Trees of Hope fundraiser for the McDonald House raised over \$110,000 last year. The meeting discussed this and decided that it would be a useful project for NELG again. Jill Hawkins will change the color theme for this year. We can start on this project as the April program.

Newsletter Editor: Gail MacLean had surgery at the end of January, so the newsletter has been delayed.

Retreat Committee: The registration for the retreat is open. As usual, there are a lot of sign ups initially.

The venue for the 2020 retreat will once again be Rolling Ridge in North Andover MA. The teachers will be Holly Van Sciver, Allie Marguccio, and Jill Hawkins. The vendors will be Holly Van Sciver and Tom Marguccio who will be selling supplies for Idrija lace. The Saturday evening program will be given by Kara Quinteros who made lace for a master's

program. Bryce Wolf and Jim Martin will run the silent auction. The theme of the ATC challenge will be the roaring 20's.

Announcements:

Doris Schick's husband passed away last December. NELG sent condolences.

Bryce Wolf moved to close the meeting. Marjorie Dashef seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.