

NELG Meeting Minutes: 18 September 2021

Attendees:

Executive Board: Carolyn Wetzel, Kate Moore, Gail MacLean, Jill Hawkins, Bryce Wolf

Winann Steinmetz, Clare Settle, Linda Dumas, Sharon Sacco, Rita Bartholomew, Kathy Draves, Devon Thein, Mary Mangan, Prabha Ramakrishnan, Mary Lou Ricci, Caroline Morse, Carmen Bartholomew, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Marjorie Dashef, Mary Linden, Laura Bensley

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 and it was announced that the meeting would be recorded. The meeting was held online by Zoom due to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic.

We went around the “room” and introduced ourselves along with sharing some news and discussion.

Minutes from the April 2021 meeting were approved.

Officer and Committee Reports

- **Programs**

- October - Jill presented the details of our visit to Berkshire Historical Society. We will have a 10:30 am tour of the house at Herman Melville’s Arrowhead, Berkshire Co Historical Society museum, in Pittsfield MA. There will be a lecture and followed by viewing some of their lace collection. Members entry fee will be subsidized, so cost will be \$7, guests are \$17. People will need to register ahead. We will be limited to 10-12 on the tour, or we can stagger tours if more spaces are needed. Registration will open today, you can pay online or send a check to Barbara Morrow. A lunch option will be provided.
- Member meeting location survey results were presented. No clear consensus, most agreed that there were too many unknowns. There was strong support for continuing some online programming/meetings. Hyde Library does have wifi.

- **Library**

Please return your books and check out more books. We need more circulation to justify buying any more. Discussed hesitation to suggest new books when they are unseen. Holly will do online Zoom meetings to show books. Devon suggested the P.L.aces Antwerp exhibit catalog book. Bryce said that the most circulated books tend to be those with patterns, especially quick easy patterns.

- **Treasurer** - no report
- **Retreat** May 12-15, 2022
Jill shared photos of accommodations and meeting spaces at the new retreat venue - Mercy By the Sea. Winann and Jill provided information about rooms, food, schedule, etc. Bryce asked for help with the silent auction and Clare volunteered.
- **Newsletter** (Newsletter History status)
Gail said that she inherited a bin of all past print newsletters. All past newsletters back to 1982 are digital and are posted on the website. She recycled the paper and gave old photographs to Jill. Gail donated No. 10 envelopes to her church and will bring the empty binders to the silent auction. All newsletters are saved on Google Drive, and Jill backs that up to her laptop.
- **Member-at-Large**
 - For Big E demonstrations, they will not set up a table if no one is going to be there, so be sure to sign up. Jill said that we have 10 of the 18 days covered.
- **Website** - no report
- **Scholarships** - no report

Other Business & Announcements

- The new IOLI Eastern Director is Clare Settle. Congratulations to Clare!
- Lost Art Lacers Lace Day will be held in person in November. An update email said that Kenn van Dieren and Holly & Gerry are not coming as vendors.
- Carolyn announced that the OIDFA-IOLI lecture tomorrow will be given by Greet Rome-Verbeylen.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Program: Discussion of the Ipswich Lace Traveling Exhibit Project spearheaded by Gail MacLean