

NELG Meeting Minutes  
20 November 2021

Attendees

Executive Board: Carolyn Wetzel, Jill Hawkins, Gail MacLean, Bryce Wolf, Barbara Morrow

Marjorie Dashef, Rita Bartholomew, Mary Mangan, Kathy Draves, Winnann Steinmetz, Devon Thein, Sharon Sacco, Laura Bensley, Sr. Madeleine, Mary Lou Ricci, Karen Thompson, Linda Kukolich, Kara Quinteros, Mary Linden, Judy Jeon-Chapman

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

Introductions were held off until the program. Minutes from the June 2021 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Library - Only a few books are circulating

Treasurer -

1. We reviewed the budget spreadsheet (need to add Wild Apricot increase). Barbara needs to know amounts of "encumbered" funds, e.g. Wild Apricot, Karen Thompson classes, to add to the 21-22 budget. Tabled approval of the NELG budget until we have the encumbered amounts.
2. Funds are down due to loss of retreat revenue for 2 years and giving people a free membership year. Also, lots of memberships are due soon so account balance should go up upon renewals.
3. We discussed the Budget for Phase I of the Ipswich Lace Exhibit Project (requested \$870). From the list of needed items for the project, these suggestions were made:
  - a. Get a folding hand truck from Bryce, who has an extra one not being used for the library.
  - b. Karen Thompson offered to donate a bolster pillow for the display. Alternatively, use the NELG bolster from the library.
  - c. Bobbins can be whittled by members, either at a monthly program or at retreat (have a station set up all weekend).
  - d. Discussion of some ideas of how to display lace details, what to allow public to touch or not

- e. It was suggested to look for grants from IOLI or other sources.
- f. Motion - Approve proceeding with the Ipswich project subject to finding money to fund it. Add \$400 to the project in the current NELG budget to allow the project to proceed. Passed: 15 yay, 1 nay, 1 abstention

Retreat - May 12-15, 2022. Attendees will need to be vaccinated, we are planning to use a similar policy as for the IOLI convention. Jill and Winann asked the venue about a 2023 reservation, and we may have to put down payment for 2023 in January.

Newsletter - No report. Gail thanked contributors and said it was a team effort.

Member-at-large - Jill committed NELG to demonstrate at the Oxford (CT) Historical Society Fiber Festival - April 9 & 10, 2022.

Website - No report.

Scholarships - Current committee is Barbara Morrow and Janet Blanchard. One scholarship was given out for Karen's class. Money is still available.

Programs - Discussed ideas for future programs.

- Vendor trunk show with Anna Provencher (check Etsy for contact information)
- Whittle Ipswich bobbins
- Learn to use bobbins palm-up
- Aemilia Ars - overview of technique, not workshop, if virtual
- Tenerife/Sol - workshop. Sharon says it should be in-person, others thought virtual might work. Check to see if Joan Brash would teach one of her patterns (if paid)?
- Review contents of the library - go through online listing together, add comments
- Tatting - view donated shuttles, workshop of simple pattern if in person
- Discussion of fibers, substitutions, comparison of threads (in person)
- Check other places in Sturbridge to meet that might be nicer.
- **December meeting:** will be virtual, have a lace-themed game (Carolyn), and have everyone share a piece of seasonal lace. No business meeting.
- There were requests for a lace gift exchange, the target is to have them delivered by the January meeting.
- **January meeting:** business meeting including budget, share the lace gift exchange item you received, social time.

Announcements:

- Our condolences to NELG member Linda Dumas on the death of her husband (Carolyn sent a card on behalf of NELG)
- IOLI lecture tomorrow - "Legacy of Lace Arts Project" presented by Victoria Brown about Nottingham lace history
- Project Lace Dress (Jill) - Info will be posted on the NELG website.

Motion to adjourn at 12:36

**Program:** Round-Robin sharing about your current lace life.