

## May 14, 2022 NELG Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in person at the Retreat as well as virtually on Zoom.

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

Attendees: Kathy Draves, Rosalie Bares, Clare Settle, Sharon Sacco, Janet Blanchard, Sumiko Tray, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Kara Quinteros, Brenda Osborn, Sr. Madeleine Cleverly, Mary Linden, Allie Marguccio, Sr. Catherine Morin, Pat Morris, Donna Canepari, Mary Mangan, Ingelise Brown, Linda Dumas, Holly van Sciver, Gerry Munchel. Zoomed in: Marjorie Dashef, Winann Steinmetz, Laura Bensley

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm and it was announced that the meeting would be recorded and to sign in on the attendance sheet that was passed around. The recording turned out to be poor quality so unfortunately many comments by attendees were not interpretable for the minutes.

Minutes from the [April 2022](#) meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

### I. Officer and Committee Reports

#### A. President

- i. Carolyn made a plea for a volunteer to run for the Board position of Vice-President/Programs in June. Clare Settle and Rosalie Bares asked if they could share the position. It was decided that Clare would go on the ballot as VP and Rosalie would be appointed as Clerk, but both will work together on both jobs. Send program ideas to them.
- ii. Barbara has offered to continue as Treasurer.
- iii. It was announced that Absentee ballots were in the May newsletter.

#### B. Programs

- i. June - annual elections & work on Ipswich project - need enough to be ready for Fall demos. Meeting attendance raffle drawing.
- ii. It's not too early to suggest ideas for fall! Help out our new VP!
- iii. Should we try to have a few in-person meetings?

C. Library - Bryce said to check out more books while the library is here at retreat, and to give her suggestions for new purchases.

D. Treasurer - nothing to report, but after retreat expenses and payment are processed, the budget can be calculated. Everyone was encouraged to buy raffle tickets.

- E. Newsletter - nothing to report. Gail thanked Mary Mangan for her assistance with the newsletter.
- F. Member-at-large
  - i. May 28 & 29 - MA Sheep & Woolcraft Festival, Cummington, MA
  - ii. June 11 - Dudley Farm Museum, Guilford, CT
  - iii. Sept 16 - Oct 2 - The Big E. Creative Arts changed managers, with Paige S. taking over.
  - iv. Other discussion was not recorded clearly enough to interpret for the minutes.
- G. Website - nothing to report
- H. Scholarships - nothing to report
- II. Other Business & Announcements
  - A. Retreat-related announcements
    - i. Next year's retreat will be back at Mercy By the Sea, May 4 - 7, 2023. The teachers will be Louise Colgan & Holly Van Sciver. It will be Holly and Gerry's 44th wedding anniversary that weekend so we will plan something special for them.
  - B. Ipswich lace display project - Gail and Mary gave an update on the project. The grant request to IOLI was funded for \$625, and encouraged everyone to view the display board mock-up at retreat and give them feedback. There was some discussion about how to share the information via publication, display at convention, etc.
  - C. The Big E - Creative Arts. People were reminded that it is not too early to start thinking about and working on entries. It was suggested that retreat projects be finished in time to enter (to great laughter).
  - D. Mary Linden made favors for everyone at retreat, a scissor sheath and magnetic pin retriever, and its use was demonstrated.
  - E. Retreat teachers Holly van Sciver, Allie Marguccio, and Jill Hawkins were presented with gifts of giant-sized divider pins (actually made as garden ornaments). Holly shared the "needle-pin, needle-pin" rhyme related to the history of striver pins.
  - F. Retreat organizers Jill Hawkins and Winnan Steinmetz were presented with gifts of Idrija cover cloths.
  - G. Bryce Wolf and Clare Settle were thanked for organizing the silent auction. Everyone was reminded to keep bidding.
  - H. People were reminded to vote on the ATCs.
  - I. Nancy Neff won the raffle drawing for the Christina pillow that was donated by Patty Foley. There was almost \$3000 in ticket sales. Jill shared the ownership provenance of the pillow.

- J. Kathy Draves showed the large torchon lace shawl that she recently completed.
- K. Holly van Sciver announced the new dates and venue for the 2022 FLLG Lace Days: September 15-18, 2022, at the Casowasco Retreat Center, Moravia, NY.
- L. Holly van Sciver and Sumiko Tray shared Information about the Kristin Conrad Lace Center Foundation and people were encouraged to make private donations to it.

III. Adjourned 1:59 pm