

NELG Meeting Notes: November 19,2022

(Meeting held in person at Joshua Hyde Library in Sturbridge, MA and online by Zoom.)

- I. Meeting called to order at 11:02 by President Carolyn Wetzel.
- II. Attendees included: Rosalie Bares, Winann Steinmetz, Barbara Morrow, Gail MacLean, Bryce Wolf, Carolyn Wetzel, Mary Mangan, Jill Hawkins, Janet Blanchard, Jennifer Dahlmann, Linda Kukolich, Marjorie Dashef, Sharon Sacco, Judy Jeon-Chapman. Zoom Attendees included: Kathy Draves, MaryLou Ricci, Caroline Morse, Rita and Carmen Bartholomew and Laura Bensley. Many thanks to Jill for providing the tech for the zoom meeting.
- III. The minutes from the June meeting were discussed and updates made by Jill. Bryce proposed we accept the minutes and this was seconded by Judy. All present approved.
- IV. Reports
 - a. President – Carolyn wanted to remind us that her term as President and Jill’s term as Member at Large ends in June. An election committee will be forming.
 - b. VP/Programs – Rosalie reporting for Clare.
 - i. December – Secret Santa and something to share for the holiday party.
 - ii. January – Making lace and swap/sell items. If you have an item that you would like to sell or swap, bring it to the meeting.
 - iii. February – Torchon Lace. Bring an example and let’s share knowledge. We’ll discuss characteristics of this lace and some of its history. (Jill found this idea while reading minutes from early NELG meeting notes. Thanks for the idea!)
 - iv. March – Still some details to work out but March 25th, Saturday will be a trip to the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke, MA. Cost may be \$20/pp for tour and a lunch space. Carolyn will provide trip options and details in the coming months.
 - v. April – Lace identification and sharing.
 - vi. May – retreat
- V. Library – Bryce reporting. There are some new books and books are being requested by members. Bryce has been updating descriptions of the books so if you have comments about a book, please send the information to Bryce.
- VI. Treasurer – Barbara M. reporting. The current bank statement has sufficient funds to cover the down-payments needed for the 2023 retreat. Sharon suggested that we raise dues. Jill has been looking into dues of similar groups. She will report back on this. There was discussion about charging members who use AffiniPay which cost NELG \$1,000.00 last year. Areas to reduce could be programs, library, and scholarships. It was discussed to put the retreat into the budget as a line item. Attendees were reminded that the retreat is not a fundraiser. It should be “a wash”. The only money raised at the retreat comes from the auction. A vote on the 2023 budget will be online and members can vote online before the December meeting. Voting ends at the end of the day of December 17. The retreat will be a line item based on the 2022 retreat.
- VII. Retreat – Winann and Jill reporting. The date of the 2023 retreat is Thursday, May 4 for check-in and ends Sunday, May 7. The teachers are Louise Colgan teaching Milanese, Holly

- Van Sciver teaching Bucks, etc., and Jill Hawkins teaching beginner lace. Winann proposed that registration will open on Jan 21st and close April 1. An email will be sent to all members with retreat details rather than using the newsletter due to dates of retreat and the newsletter. Any suggestions for teachers for 2024 will be appreciated.
- VIII. Newsletter – Gail reporting No news to report. Contributions are always welcome. As always, Gail does fabulous work with our newsletter.
 - IX. Member-at-Large - Jill reporting. Calendar is updated. See the website for upcoming events. If you know of an event, please let Jill know.
 - X. Website – Jill reporting. No update
 - XI. Scholarship – no requests
 - XII. Ipswich Project – Mary and Gail reporting They gave a presentation to the Maine Historical Society, and contributed to a presentation at the Ipswich Museum. The Maine presentation was recorded and will be online shortly at their website. There will be a dedicated page on our website for this project. The display materials which were at this meeting will not be available at every NELG meeting. The Ipswich project is on the IOLI calendar for an article. Gail will be making Ipswich lace on the reproduction pillow using the reproduction bobbins.
 - XIII. Announcements
 - a. Clare’s partner, Bob Centrello, passed away.
 - b. Threads of Power at the Bard Graduate Center Museum will be closing Jan. 1, 2023.
 - c. A swap and sell page will be set up on the website. Details to follow.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda and seconded by Barbara. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25. Following the end of the business meeting, the members present made free-hand embroidery designs, Great fun.

Submitted by Rosalie Bares