

NELG Monthly Meeting

6 May 2023

- I. The meeting was called by order by President Carolyn Wetzel at 1:00pm.
- II. Present were: Carolyn Wetzel, Rosalie Bares, Janet Blanchard, Kathy Draves, Sr Madeleine Cleverly, Mary Mangan, Danielle Foster, Clare Settle, Barbara Morrow, Jill Hawkins, Lillian Goldberg, Bryce Wolf, Donna Canepari, Louise Colgan, Sharon Sacco, Kate Moore, Winann Steinmetz, Gail MacLean, Sue Van Dyke, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Patricia Donahue, Carolyn Hastings, Jayne Guitart, Nancy Muller.
- III. Minutes from the April Meeting will be approved at the June meeting.
- IV. Officer and Committee Reports
 1. President – Carolyn
 - a) Carolyn thanked Jill and Winann for organizing the retreat and Bryce for organizing the auction and library.
 - b) Election process – election will take place at the June Zoom meeting or a send-in ballot using email.
 2. Treasurer – Barbara
 - a) The treasury is solvent after paying for retreat expenditures.
 3. Programs – Clare
 - a) June 17 is zoom meeting for elections
 - b) Lace Challenge voting is completed by Sunday morning and winners will be announced at breakfast.
 - c) We will continue to have virtual meetings several times a year especially during the winter months.
 4. Retreat- Winann and Jill
 - a) Gifts for our teachers and retreat helpers were distributed.
 - b) Retreat 2024 will be held at the Mercy Center from May 9-12. Our teachers will be Holly Van Sciver, Bobbi Donnelly, and Sharon Sacco.
 5. Newsletter- Gail and Mary Mangan (assistant-editor)
 - a) Thanks to all the contributions. The next deadline is the end of July for the August edition.
 6. Member-at-large- Jill
 - a) May 13 & 14 is the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool festival.
 - b) Memorial Day weekend is the MA Sheep and Wool Festival in Cummington, MA.

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- c) August 10 – New Hampshire Craft Festival has invited us to demonstrate. Six of us are attending.
 - d) Demos for Big E dates have not been announced yet.
 - e) June 10 – Dudley Farm Museum in Guilford, CT
- 7. Website – Jill No report.
- 8. Library – Bryce
 - a) It is all here [at retreat]. Do not hesitate to borrow books and to give suggestions for new books.
 - (1) The Silent Auction ends before 8am breakfast.
- 9. Scholarship – Janet & Barbara
 - a) There have been a number of scholarships requested and granted.
- B. Other Business
 - 1. Big E – Need volunteers to demonstrate. It was requested that NELG members receive an email when demo schedule sign-up is available. The entry fee for lace is only \$5.00 and you receive free entry and parking. Examples for past entries are on the website. Holly donates a \$50.00 gift certificate (unrestricted category or type).
 - 2. Holly
 - a. The Finger Lake Lace Guild retreat will be on October 12-15 at the same location as last year. Information is on their website.
 - 3. The Kristin S Conrad Foundation is devoted to lace and lace education. The website is: <https://ksclcfoundation.org/index.php>
 - 4. OIDFA Conference – virtual registration is online.
 - 5. Ipswich – Mary M.
 - a. Continue to get requests for program or the exhibit
 - b. Found lace on Masonic aprons.

Meeting was adjourned by a motion by Sharon and seconded by Bryce.

Respectfully submitted by Rosalie Bares.