

NELG Meeting Minutes: January 20,2024

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Rosalie Bares, Brenda Osborn, Jill Hawkins, Carolyn Wetzel, Bryce Wolf, Marjorie Dashef, Carolyn Salafia, Clare Settle, Barbara Goddeau, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Judith Goodwin, Sue van Dyke, Mary Lou Ricci, Sharon Sacco, Bob Bulthius (guest), Gail MacLean, Kathy Draves, Judith Goodwin-Lennemann, Mary Linden, Sr Madeleine Cleverly, Laura Bensley, Susan Macdonald, Audrey Stephens (guest), Winann Steinmetz, Barbara Morrow, Barbara LaFemina, Joan M

Call to order 11:12 am

- . Welcome and introductions. Announced that the meeting will be recorded.
- . Approved the minutes from the October and November meeting.

A. President

1. Welcome to our new members
 - Alison Baitz from Northampton, MA
 - Renee Schroeder from Nowthen, MN
 - Jennifer Dahlmann from Waltham, MA
 - Susan MacDonald from Spencer, MA
 - Leslie Ardison from Carlisle, MA (former member who has rejoined)
2. Need a volunteer who is willing to be our new librarian as Bryce would like a replacement.

B. VP/Programs

Upcoming programs

January 20 - Discussion and sharing of examples of different tape laces

February 17 - "Lace from Europe" an informal presentation by Jill Hawkins

March 16 - Making decorative scissor fobs (Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge)

April 20 - Learn how to tat with Carolyn Wetzel and Sharon Sacco (Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge)

May 9-12- retreat Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT

June 15 - Annual Meeting

Question: Can meetings from Sturbridge be hybrid on Zoom?

C. Library - requests up, cold weather

D. Treasurer/Membership

1. Adding new members 3-4 month
2. Bank account in the black, will go up with retreat
3. Zoom account renewal due in April. Jill questioned if we need to maintain it given the cost/use ratio. Carolyn Salafia, Clare Settle have personal licenses, offered to use them for NELG meetings. Jill will investigate options.

E. Retreat

1. Mother's Day weekend: Thursday, May 9 - Sunday, May 12
2. Registration opens January 22. Rooms will be assigned first-come (best to least best, singles vs doubles)
3. Teachers: Bobbi Donnelly, Holly Van Sciver, Sharon Sacco
4. Lace Challenge theme for 2024 is "Kaleidoscope"

F. Newsletter: February issue

1. Date for submissions: 1/29. Newsletter depends on member submissions.

- G. Member-at-Large** – Volunteer hours - please turn in hours
- H. Website** – no update
- I. Scholarships** – 1 request for scholarship dues that was granted.

Announcements

1. Community Lace Project – making needlelace leaves for a project in Australia led by Maggie Hensel-Brown. Deadline for receipt of leaves is mid-March. Instead of collecting leaves and sending together, we will send individually or send to The Lace Museum. Winann said that Danielle Foster has made a leaf and a cross, will bring them to a CT meeting to drop off.
2. Crosses for D-Day – project led by Michel Bouvot from France to make bobbin lace crosses for an exhibit commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Deadline for receipt is mid-March. Check the website for the details. Tatting okay? Check website.
3. Ipswich exhibit - Gail said Pat Morris asked to borrow it for a library exhibit. Pat sent pictures of the display that will be in the newsletter.

Raffle - Marjorie Dashef won

Adjourned 11:58 am

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Wetzel