

NELG Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2024

Zoom Meeting

Called to order 11:05 am

Attendees.

Executive Board: Rosalie Bares, Clare Settle, Bryce Wolf, Barbara Morrow, Jill Hawkins, Gail MacLean.

Members: Winann Steinmetz, Bob Bulthuis, Barbara Goddeau, Martine Cheri, Devon Thein, Carolyn Wetzal, Marjorie Dashef, Lillian Goldberg, Sumiko Tray, Sharon Sacco, Sue van Dyke, Janet Blanchard, Laura Bensley, Susan Macdonald, Mary Linden, Mary Lou Ricci, Kathy Draves

- I. Welcomed everyone and went around for self-introductions. Announced that the meeting would be recorded.
- II. Approved the minutes from the January meeting.
- III. Reports
 - . **President** - Rosalie
 1. Welcomed our new members: Robert and Janice
 2. Announced that we will need a volunteer who is willing to be our new librarian as Bryce would like a replacement.

B. VP/Programs - Clare

1. March 16 - Making decorative scissor fobs (Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge)
2. April 20 - Learn how to tat with Carolyn Wetzal and Sharon Sacco (Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge). Sharon and Carolyn need to let Rosalie know if they need her to get any supplies for the program.
3. May 9-12- retreat Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT
4. June 15 – Annual Meeting

C. Library – Bryce

1. Recently acquired Tregidgo beginner torchon book.
2. Looking for a new librarian to take her place.
3. Bryce requested deacquisition of materials, e.g. bulletins, journals, etc. No one has checked them out as long as Bryce has been librarian.
 - a. Bryce will bring deaccessioned items to retreat to give away.

D. Treasurer/Membership – Barbara

1. We keep getting new members, 3-4 per month. We have a healthy bank account, and have covered all the expenses for retreat.
2. Renewal of the Zoom license was discussed. Jill checked other options, and Zoom is most comprehensive. Our Zoom account is used for at least two NELG meetings per year, plus occasionally by CT and Eastern MA groups, and Mary M & Gail M use it for meetings about the newsletter and the Ipswich materials. Our Treasury is in better shape than it was, so she recommends renewing for another year. Voted to renew Zoom.

E. Retreat – Jill and Winann

1. Registration was very successful, rooms were filled within 48 hours. 30 overnight attendees, 7 day trippers, with 37 total registered so far. Holly's class is full, Bobbi has 7, and Sharon has 3 for beginners. Budgeted for 25, so the retreat is doing well financially.
2. You can still order commemorative bobbins.
3. Reminder: Lace Challenge theme for 2024 is "Kaleidoscope"
4. The Library will be there, you can make recommendations for new book purchases.
5. Silent auction will occur, Bryce said there are some great items available.
6. People are welcome to shop even if they are not attending the retreat.
7. Mary Linden will have an area set up to make the base for a fascinator. The CT group is sponsoring an award at the Big E for a fascinator with handmade lace.
8. Sumiko will have an OI DFA congress and membership display at the retreat.

F. Newsletter - Gail and Mary

1. Reenactor Couvige - Mary Mangan has started a forum on the website for people interested in reenacting.
2. Ideas for new articles - Gail would like to ask new members for topics they would like to see in the newsletter to help them get started, and then ask experienced lace makers to write the articles. Gail may pull older articles that would be helpful to new lace makers to reprint. They would like more historical articles and pictures of what people are working on.

G. Member-at-Large - Jill

1. There are lots of demonstration opportunities. Jill read aloud a list of demo opportunities, including 3 new ones. Jill will email the list to everyone so they can sign up. Some have limited spaces available, or if no one signs up we need to let the organizer know ahead of time.
2. Volunteer hours - everyone should report volunteer hours soon. Jill will need to report them to IOLI in May.

G. Website - Jill - no update

G. Scholarships - no update

III. Announcements

1. Ipswich Exhibit is on loan to Lost Art Lacers, in local library, was also at their recent lace day. Will return it in March so it will be available for NELG spring demos. They asked to borrow it again the same weekend as our demo at NH League, so we need to figure out a plan.
2. Needle lace leaves for Maggie Hensel-Brown's community lace project are due to her in Australia by mid-March. Makers were reminded to send photos to NELG and IOLI-Challenge.
3. D-Day Cross sizes were discussed. They should be mailed to France by Mid-April to receive in France. Check their Facebook site for details. The crosses will be used in a display for the 75th anniversary of D-Day in June.
4. Raffle - Susan McDonald was winner

Adjourned at 12:11 pm

Program "Lace from Europe" presented by Jill Hawkins

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Wetzel