

**NELG Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2024**  
**Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am

**Attendees:**

*Executive Board:* Rosalie Bares, Jill Hawkins

*Members:* Mary Mangan, Barbara Goddeau, Bryce Wolf, Sr. Rhea Quentin, Susan Macdonald, Catherine Morin, Sharon Sacco, Marjorie Dashef

- I. President, Rosalie, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
- II. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.
- III. Reports:
  - a. **President - Rosalie**
    - Thank you to Jill for taking notes.
  - b. **VP/Programs – Rosalie reported for Clare**
    - Today – decorative scissor fobs
    - April 20 – Carolyn and Sharon teaching tatting
    - May 9-12 - Retreat at Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT
    - June 15 – Annual Meeting
  - c. **Library – Bryce**
    - No update
  - d. **Treasurer/Membership – Rosalie reported for Barbara**
    - The treasury is currently at \$28,438, which is mainly retreat income.
    - Website expense of \$810 was paid in January.
  - e. **Retreat – Jill & Bryce**
    - Thursday, May 9 – Sunday, May 12
    - Registration ends April 15; there are still spaces in the subsidized beginner class
    - Teachers: Bobbi Donnelly, Holly Van Sciver, Sharon Sacco
    - It's not too late to enter the Lace Challenge, where this year's theme is "Kaleidoscope"
    - Bryce reminded everyone of the Silent Auction, where there will be the usual vast array of items to bid on, including the remainder of the linens from last year
  - f. **Newsletter – Jill reporting for Gail**
    - Deadline for articles is April 28.
    - Reminder that May Issue includes absentee ballot. Incumbents Clare Settle (Vice President) and Barbara Morrow (Treasurer/Membership) have agreed to run for another term.

**g. Member -at- Large -Jill**

- Jill reminded everyone that we will need to submit calendar year 2023 volunteer hours in April, so please make sure you have entered any hours. If you need to know what you have already submitted, please request a report from Jill.
- Events in April have several volunteers to demonstrate, but future events not so much. We have been invited to some new events this year, and often need to commit early so you are encouraged to support NELG and check your calendars to see if there are events later in the year where you can demonstrate.

**h. Website – Jill**

- No update

**h. Scholarship – Barbara**

- No update

**IV. Announcements**

- The Raleigh Lace Museum & Kristin S. Lace Center contacted NELG. They have leased the ground floor suite of the Masonic Building in downtown Raleigh. They are hoping for a June 2024 opening. They need to raise \$42,000 to complete the opening tasks. We need to discuss supporting this organization and how much we could contribute.
- Jill explained some of the background to this registered charity.
- The attendees were generally in favor of making a donation, but even though we have a healthy amount in our Treasury, we do have some significant expenses for retreat. Considering this, we will review this request at the Annual Meeting when finances are clearer. Motioned and seconded.

**V. Other Business**

**a. Leaves & D-Day Crosses – Jill**

- Carolyn Wetzell, Mary Mangan, Mary Lou Ricci and Jill Hawkins donated leaves
- Danielle Foster and Winann Steinmetz donated crosses for the D-Day project

**b. Ipswich – Mary**

- Exhibit is still on loan to the NJ Lacers
- The plan is to include it in the exhibit at the Windham Textile Museum exhibit

**c. Fascinator CT award at Big E Creative Arts**

- Jill explained that the CT lace group sponsors a special award at The Big E Creative Arts competition every year, and this year the category will be fascinators. Everyone is encouraged to consider entering.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jill Hawkins