

New England Lace Group Meeting, February 20, 2016

Executive Board Attendance: Sharon Sacco, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Kate Moore, Member-at-Large; Bryce Wolf, Clerk.

Members: Rita Bartholomew, Laura Bensley, Janet Blanchard, Marjorie Dashef, Lynn Denette, Linda Lane, Winann Steinmetz, Carolyn Wetzel.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes: Carolyn Wetzel moved that the minutes of January 16, 2016 be approved. Winann Steinmetz seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Retreat: Winann reported that 18 paid attendees have registered at this time, and more are anticipated. With the addition of the teachers, it appears there will be no problem meeting the 25 person minimum charge of the retreat center. Currently, five persons are enrolled in Louise Colgan's Milanese class, with room for three more. Three have signed up for Holly Van Sciver. No after-dinner speaker has yet been scheduled for Saturday night. She open to any and all suggestions; sometimes a teacher has been persuaded to present a program.

Next year Kim Davis is scheduled to teach a class in wire lace. Winann encouraged anyone to send suggestions for future teachers/vendors, etc. to the Retreat Committee.

Scholarships: Bryce Wolf reminded the membership that for those in need of a little help to attend Retreat or other lace-related events, scholarship and/or grant assistance is available. Those interested are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Sacco noted that Janet Blanchard and Kate Moore have agreed to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. The Vice President and Treasurer positions are open this year; however Barbara Morrow has agreed to continue serving as Treasurer if desired.

Vice President: Jim Martin reported that Sharon Sacco will be leading a workshop at the March meeting on attaching edgings. In April Mary Linden will provide a workshop on making threadcatchers. Retreat will be held in May. June will be the final business meeting and a lace-in.

He noted that he has distributed several ATC kits and passed out a few more at the meeting. Judging will occur at the Retreat. This year's theme is fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Kate Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned; Jim Martin seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Wolf, Clerk