

NEW MARLBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

MINUTES 1.12.2017

Attending: Barbara Lowman, Margie Shapiro, Tom Weeks, Mary Richie Smith, Alan Lombardi, Camilla Adams, Louise Yohalem. Also attending: Richard Long and Wendy Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. In the absence of Kathy and Nan reading of the minutes was tabled.

Treasurer's Report. Tom reported that there is still no current balance. He will meet with Tara. As of January 11, 2017 it appears that there is only \$714.99 in the bank. However, we have not received the \$4,400 from the State. The working balance is \$5,114.99. Tom submitted the annual request for mailing of \$1,000 to the Town Budget Committee. Margie reported that we received \$9,415 in gifts for 2016. This compares to \$6,010 in 2015 and \$9,430 in 2014. This seems to be the usual pattern – up one year, down the next.

Members Appointment Schedule. It was agreed that we would continue to swear in new board members on July 1 each year so that all members would have the same swearing in and retiring date. This was agreeable to Wendy and Richard. They will continue to attend and participate. This June, Tom, Margie and Alan are completing 6 years on the CC so must cycle off. This leaves us without a treasurer and someone to keep track of gifts and send thank you letters. Richard agreed to become treasurer and Wendy will take Margie's position as keeper of the gift records and sender of thank yous. Nan has become very busy because of her work and her children's soccer schedule so can no longer serve as secretary but will continue to be in charge of vendors for Burritt Day. Kathy Potoski will be asked.

Potluck. Nan's friend charges \$800 for an evening of performing. Barbara will ask the School District and Jane Burke if there are talented students who could entertain at the pot luck. April 1st is first choice of dates with the 8th as back-up. We will probably switch to the Meeting House gallery.

Burritt Day. Alan reviewed his very thorough set up plan. We need to have someone take responsibility for this. Barbara will ask Martha if we can go back to using the Land Trust field. Louise will ask Hildy McCarthy if we can use the field directly behind the Meeting House. If we have to use Mike White's again we'll ask the several homeowners between his field and Route 57 if we can use the greenway between Mike's and 57. The SBRSD will again be asked for their sound system. Louise will ask John Schreiber about the antique car show. Cam and Mary will be responsible for the 5K and will see if Ned is coming back to help. We cannot use the Olenbush/Levine barn for white elephants as they are putting their house up for sale. Barbara will ask Ned Odegaard if he has space for us. Arlyn Hoberman and Joyce Sachs will be asked to do kids crafts again. We will list the need for vendors in Bits and Bytes on the Berkshire Edge.

New Business: Volunteer of the Year. Debra Herman was suggested and received unanimous agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Yohalem