

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting October 14, 2021

On October 14, 2021, a meeting of the Cultural Council took place at the New Marlborough Library. In Nancy's absence, the meeting was chaired by Louise Yohalem. Present were Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, and members Kathy Potosky, Eugene Cleary, Holly Valente and Jane Mazur. Also in attendance were guests Richard Long and Wendy Miller.

The minutes were approved from the September 9th meeting. Richard reported on the finances of the Council. He reported that in July we received \$4800 from the state. His report was approved unanimously. Eugene Cleary volunteered to be Treasurer and Richard will assist him. The Council unanimously approved Eugene as Treasurer.

A discussion took place on rules for membership on the Council and possibly amending the rule that was passed at the September meeting whereby if you miss two meetings you will be asked to resign from the Council. No decision was made, and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Louise informed the Council that the State grant for this year is \$5,000. Tomorrow is the deadline for 2022 grant applications. The grants will be on the State Cultural Council website and two hard copies will be on file in the library.

Louise said that Nancy has drafted a fundraising letter.

Richard asked how we determine the total amount of money we give away annually. Louise explained that we are required to give away all the monies we receive from the state, but it is at our discretion to award the remainder as we see fit and we are not obligated to give it all away in one year.

The Monterey Cultural Council wants to meet with members of the New Marlborough Cultural Council. A meeting will take place at the Southfield Store on November 9th or 10th at noon.

There was a discussion about asking the town to move the account out of Adams to a local bank, as there have been problems with checks not being deposited. This only became a problem during covid.

Mari said that we can use the stage at Town Hall as storage space.

Since no one has volunteered to take over Nancy's position as Chair when she steps down on January 1st, Louise suggested that we ask members to volunteer to take on various responsibilities. Louise volunteered to take charge of coordinating grant making and to update the New Marlborough page on the State website yearly. We will need someone to be in charge

of Burritt Day, the pot-luck supper, etc. Louise strongly feels that it would be preferable to have a Chair and Co-Chair of the Council but sees this as a viable alternative.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Shapiro

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