

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes—October 8, 2020

A telephonic board meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council was called to order at 4:15 by Nancy Barbe.

Present were President Nancy Barbe, Secretary Margie Shapiro, Treasurer Richard Long, Marjorie Robbins, Wendy Miller, Alice Fahs, Sue Cohen and guest Louise Yohalem.

Minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting were accepted with corrections.

Richard did not give a Treasurer's report as there were no new transactions. He did not yet enter a contribution for \$100.00 and a payment of \$100.00 grant to Great Barrington Public Theater as he is waiting to confirm these changes.

Two 2020 grants that are at issue were discussed. Bad News Jazz group which did not yet receive its grant money, acknowledged they will not be able to use their grant this year and asked to extend the grant offer through next year. Michael Brady acknowledged that he will not be able to offer his play this year. He had already been granted \$1,000 and asked that he be able to keep the funding by extending the grant until next year.

Nancy pointed out that we did ask other large grantees for money back and told those organizations that they must reapply.

A motion was made and passed by majority vote that we tell Bad News Jazz and Michael Brady that we cannot extend the timeline for grants. We ask that they submit a new application and Michael Brady return the money.

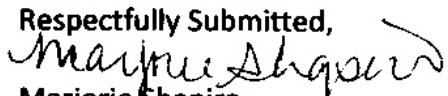
It was agreed to send out a fundraising letter in early November. Wendy is working on updating the mailing list.

Officers were formally nominated and approved. Nancy Barbe will stay on as Chair, Richard Long will serve as Treasurer and Margie Shapiro as Secretary.

There was preliminary discussion whether we should continue to send out fundraising letters by first class mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marjorie Shapiro