

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting 1/13/22

On January 13, 2022, a meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council took place via Zoom. Present were Treasurer Eugene Cleary, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Nancy Barbe, Susan Cohen, Holly Valente, Kathy Potosky, Louise Yohalem, Linda Fass, Marjorie Robbins, Jane Maser and guest Wendy Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Council has received approximately \$6845 from the first mailing which is less than 2019/2020 when we collected \$13,000. The possibility of sending out a second mailing later in the year was discussed.

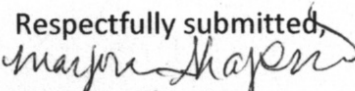
Nancy informed us that denial letters went out shortly after the last meeting and there were no objections. It is expected that we will soon get contracts back from grantees. Nancy sent a letter to the 5 Village News to announce awards. She will also post awards on Maggie's List after the announcement comes out in 5 Village News and she will contact Berkshire Edge and Berkshire Eagle.

Because the Council does not have a chairperson, it was decided that meetings would be chaired by Council Members on a rotating basis, alphabetically. Nancy will train members how to set up an agenda. Treasurer Eugene Cleary and Secretary Marjorie Shapiro will not chair meetings.

Council member volunteers have stepped forward to take charge of Burritt Day and community gatherings such as the pot-luck dinner. The possibility of moving the pot-luck dinner to May or June and to hold it as an outdoor picnic event was discussed. Organizing a garden tour event this summer was also discussed.

Wendy reported that the bill in State Congress that would allow Wendy to serve as a voting member on the Cultural Council has not moved forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Shapiro