

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting

Minutes -3/9/23

A meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council was called to order at 4:15 pm at the New Marlborough Public Library. The meeting was chaired by Louise Yohalem. Also in attendance were Treasurer Eugene Cleary, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Linda Fass, Didi Sinclair, Kathy Potoski, Didi Sinclair, Jane Maser, Wendy Miller, Lauri Aibel and guest Holly Valente.

The minutes and the Treasurer's report from the January meeting were unanimously approved.

Thus year \$9,600 have been awarded in grants.

Plans for Burritt Day were discussed including planning for the layout of the green, how many vendors can be accommodated and the assignment of spots to vendors. It was suggested that the vendors should be assigned spots in advance and that the spots will be assigned by the committee.

If there is no car show, Jane suggested moving the white elephant tent to that area which would free up spots for vendors.

Louise and Kathy will contact food vendors.

Holly will take care of the minutia, ordering tents, porta potties, etc.

Louise said that we really need one person to take charge of making sure that everything that needs to be done is done. Kathy said she will make a check list.

Respectfully submitted,
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Didi said that she will check the mail and be in touch with representatives from the State Cultural Council and stay informed of Cultural Council opportunities from the State. At the time of the meeting, Nancy Barbe was still the contact for the State.

Jane will work with Louise on Grants. Lauri is working on the fundraising letter.

Festival grants have not yet been announced but we did receive \$5500 for grants.

We asked the Town for \$1,775 for mailing costs. Louise said that this will cover one mailing. Louise said that to cut down on the cost, she will go through the list and send a second mailing only to people who have given in the past but hadn't given this year.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to give Berkshire South the \$500 grant that had been awarded to them. Berkshire South did not sign the papers because no one was doing grant management at Berkshire South at the time that the performance took place.

The money has gone out to the Beaver Project. MA Audubon was unable to participate. Tes Reed, who is a naturalist substituted for Mass Audubon who was not available for the project.

We will be receiving an unrestricted Covid Recovery Grant of \$6,350. We will discuss what to do with the money at the next meeting.

Linda Fass is scheduled to chair the April 13th meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Shapiro

