

New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting Minutes – 5/12/23

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 Jane Maser. Also in attendance were Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Wendy Miller, Linda Fass, Louise Yohalem, Didi Sinclair, Kathy Potoski and guest Holly Valente.

The minutes from the April 13th meeting were approved. Treasurer Eugene Cleary was not in attendance and will give his report at the June meeting.

Louise reported that we have received a Massachusetts Covid Recovery Fund Grant of \$6,350. The deadline for awarding this money is July 30th of this year. The grant is an "unrestricted operating support grant." Wendy pointed out that we can use some of this money for our mailing expenses which exceed the amount given to us by the town. Holly suggested that we could do broader advertising

There ensued a discussion of how best to award the grant. Wendy proposed that the money go to individuals and/or organizations with a strong focus on New Marlborough. Deb O'Brien stepped into the meeting and said that she will approach the Trustees on Monday at their meeting to discuss how the library could make use of a portion of this grant.

Other suggestions were, The 5 Village News, The Southfield Church, The PTA, The Meeting House and individuals in the community. Linda will follow up with a post on Maggie's List to get word of the grant out to the community.

The remainder of the meeting centered on Burritt Day plans which are falling into place. Wendy said that this year there will be a deadline of August 4th for all vendors.

It was suggested and agreed upon that Tom Brazie receive this year's Elihu Burritt Award.

The white elephant collection will be on the Saturday before Burritt Day and the following Friday evening. Jane volunteered her garage for the collection location.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie Shapiro