New Marlborough Cultural Council Meeting September 9, 2021

On September 9th a meeting of the New Marlborough Cultural Council took place at the New Marlborough Library. Present were President Nancy Barbe, Secretary Marjorie Shapiro, Holly Valente, Susan Cohen, Louise Yohalem, Jane Maser and Eugene Cleary.

The minutes from the previous three meetings which had not yet been voted on for approval were voted on and approved.

A motion was put forward setting rules for attending meetings. In the future, if you miss two consecutive meetings, you will be asked to leave the Council. We also ask for active participation throughout the year. The motion carried.

We still do not have a treasurer. Nancy reported that there has been little change in our finances. The Council did receive a \$500.00 festival grant from the state.

Nancy informed the Council that three grantees from 2021, Dewey Hall Presents, Music in Common and Great Barrington Public Theatre never got back to us. The \$800.00 will remain in the bank. Berkshire Bach was awarded \$500.00 but did not submit a report. Nancy will contact them and report back in November.

The grants rescinded are Music In Common \$450.00 Dewey Hall Presents-\$250.00 Great Barrington Public Theater-\$100.00

At the time of the meeting, the State Cultural Council website was down, and Nancy was unable to find out exactly how much money would be granted to us by the state. Therefore, we don't know how much grant money we will have. Holly moved that we publicly announce that we have \$10,000 to award this year, a figure that can go up depending on the grant from the state. The motion was approved.

We will have our fundraising appeal in November.

Nancy announced that she will be stepping down as chair as of January 1st. She is coming to the end of her six-year term.

Respectfully Submitted,

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