**Meeting Minutes
Lenox Cultural Council
April 16, 2020**

Present: Arlene D. Schiff, Beth Tracy Gamble, Erin McNamara, Donna Pignatelli, Katy Holt, Marybeth Mitts

* The Council discussed the grant modification requests we have received as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and unanimously approved them. We realize that organizations may not be able to hold their events when or as planned and want to work with them to accommodate needed changes to their program.
* It was agreed that the Great Barrington Public Theater can use their $305 grant, approved for a live festival scheduled to take place May 28 – June 7 at Simon’s Rock, for a free-of-charge-on-line version featuring nine original self-filmed stories/monologues written and performed by local theater artists beginning April 20. It was also agreed that the grant for Chesterwood’s Voices of Poetry program, scheduled for this weekend, could be used for the rescheduled date of October 10
* The Council discussed the planned May 5th Grantees Reception and agreed to postpone it until later in the year, circumstances allowing. We are unclear if the requirement to obtain annual community input on the cultural council will still be in place and will wait to hear further information from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC)
* Beth reported we have received two additional reimbursement requests, bringing the total to $1,700. Grants yet to be reimbursed total $7,715
* We briefly discussed the MCC Individual Relief Fund for Artists (225 individual grants for up to $1,000) and Marybeth Mitts stated the Lenox Cultural District will be getting word out on this fund so local artists are aware

Submitted by Erin McNamara, Secretary
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