**Meeting Minutes
Lenox Cultural Council
September 3, 2020**

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

* Beth gave an update on reimbursements: we have reimbursed $2,005 to date, with $7,410 still outstanding
* This year’s grant cycle will be delayed by one month. The application period will open on Thursday, October 1, 2020 and the deadline for applications will be Monday, November 16, 2020. Arlene will reach out to Veronica Ramirez Martell at the Mass Cultural Council to find out when the panel books will be released. Beth will publish the dates in the Lenox Cultural District e-Newsletter
* The council reviewed our priorities for the upcoming grant cycle and added the phrase “including virtual” to “New and innovative projects are encouraged”
* It was agreed we would not host a grantee reception this year. We discussed the idea of a virtual reception but chose not to act on it for now
* The council agreed a communication to grantees regarding the upcoming process and dates would be helpful and will plan on releasing something when more information is available
* The council was reminded to be thinking of new members, as Beth’s tenure ends on June 30, 2021. Erin will be taking over her responsibilities as Treasurer

Submitted by Erin McNamara, Secretary
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