



**Marblehead Cultural Council
February 2026 Meeting Minutes
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February 4, 2026

6:30 pm

Abbot Library, Marblehead Room #304

Meeting Type: Hybrid

Attendees:

Jeanie Stahl, Chair

Aaron Liber, Co-Chair

Jim Murphy, Treasurer

Jennifer Uhl, Immediate Past President

Alex MacAaron (Remote)

Steve McClure

Susan Wood

Not Attending:

Katherine Barker, Co-Chair

Marjorie Norman, Secretary

Joe Dipoli

Mark Philip

Chair called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Abbreviated version of Land Acknowledgement read. (Available under "Other" at MarbleheadCulturalCouncil.org.)

Chair reviewed agenda with Council members.

Council welcomed new member, Susan Wood.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

Grantee Status Review

Chair handed out updated Grant Status, including funding amount, schedule, and liaison.

Council discussed 2025 carryover and upcoming 2026 events, including:

- 80s Comedy Boom, February 25.
- Romeo & Juliet performance, March 20 at the Marblehead High School.
- Marblehead Sea Captains series beginning in April — liaison responsibilities will be shared by Jennifer Uhl and Susan Wood and transition to Susan when Jennifer leaves the council in June
- Bird Watching event in May

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Liaison and Grantee Policy Review

Chair distributed relevant documents. Council reviewed liaison responsibilities, including initial letter to Grantee, congratulating them and confirming process and requirements. Documents distributed included:

- Role of liaisons
- Congratulations letter from the Chair to grantees
- Sample congratulations email for liaisons to send
- Marblehead and Massachusetts Cultural Council credit guidelines
- State Reimbursement form for Grantees

Council Member Terms and Attendance

Council will review local and state bylaws for council member attendance guidelines and requirements. An updated list of Council members with term dates was distributed.

Key Upcoming Dates

April 15 — Next Cultural Council meeting, to be confirmed.

June 10 — Grantee Reception, to be confirmed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Meeting minutes compiled by Alex MacAaron and edited by Jeanie Stahl.