

VOM ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 7th, 7 pm

1. Approve minutes from 1/4/22
2. Member talk - Michael Norberto
3. Review 2022 Events / assign committees
4. Poetry Events
5. Summer Concert Series
6. Craft / Art Fairs
7. Public Art Projects
8. Administrative and Other

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
Draft MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Via Zoom

1. Attendees:

- a. *Members:* Karla Aber, Astrid Iliana Rivera Arias, Melinda Buie, Jane Dorian, Marina Kiriakou, Cristina Lerchen, Michael Noberto, Elizabeth O'Rourke,
- b. *Volunteers:* Chari Allison, Lawrence Cohen, Solange De Santis, Melissa Moak, Joyce Marie Washburn
- c. *Village of Mamaroneck / Westchester County:* Nora Lucas
- d. *Absent:*

2. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Buie, seconded by O'Rourke.

3. The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Dorian made a motion to accept and O'Rourke seconded.

4. Welcoming New Members: Kiriakou welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. Kiriakou talked about the former members who stepped down and how much we will all miss them. Then she asked both the new members and the old members to introduce themselves and to talk about what the arts mean to each person. Kiriakou invited new members to consider any council projects they would like to be involved in (both present and future projects).

5. Poet Laureate: Kiriakou discussed the Poet Laureate tradition in the Village/Town of Mamaroneck, a tradition dating back over twenty years. She noted that the Arts Council would like to continue that tradition and identify a new Poet Laureate. This would be a non stipendary position and De Santis has created a description of the role and the process for selection. Dorian and O'Rourke will work on the sub-committee. De Santis noted that the term for a Poet Laureate should extend from two to four years. Kiriakou explained that the new poetry garden in the Village near the library would be dedicated in memory of Mary Louise Cox, former Poet Laureate, at the end of April. The plan is for the new Poet Laureate to be part of the ceremony. Kiriakou made a motion to proceed with the new Poet Laureate project and Buie seconded. All in favor. Lucas will present and discuss the project with the Village Board.

6. Summer Concerts: Kiriakou briefly reported on plans for the summer concerts. Two summer concerts at Mamaroneck Harbor Island Park will be co-sponsored by the Arts Council and the Emelin Theater. The Arts Council will plan for additional pop-up concerts at various parks in the Village.

7. Crafts Fair Update: Allison discussed the problem of Covid and the fact that the Craft Fair is typically held inside at the Mamaroneck Library. The library (unlike the Emelin) can't check vaccination status. Allison also discussed the possibility of using the covered outdoor parking lot next to the Emelin/Library, but she said it was very dark and not large enough. One idea floated was a Craft Fair outdoors at the Harbor and Allison will contact Jason at the Recreation Department. In addition, members discussed piggybacking on an event taking place at the Harbor with a built-in audience who would also then attend an outdoor Craft Fair.

8. Goal This Year: Kiriakou stressed the Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council's goal is to become more visible in the Village, to communicate better and to get people to know who we are. She added that we want to take advantage of social media to accomplish our goal. Kiriakou invited new members to find opportunities where they can join in current projects or recommend any new ones.

9. A February 7th date was set for the next meeting at 7 p.m..

12. Karla made a motion to end the meeting; Lerchen seconded.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.