

**VOM Arts Council  
Agenda**

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023  
Regatta Conference Room at  
123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Approve October minutes
2. Hispanic Heritage Festival
3. Candlelight concert
4. The Art of Flower Arranging - with Library
5. Film festival
6. Council business update
7. Miscellaneous

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council  
Draft MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta  
Monday, October 2, 2023

**Attendees:**

- Members: Marina Kiriakou, Piper Stevens, Karla Aber, Astrid Arias, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Cristina Lerchen, Michael Norberto, Jane Sable-Friedman
- Volunteers: Robin Campbell, Joyce Marie Washburn, Chari Allison, Jane Dorian
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas
- Absent: Melinda Buie
- Community Member: Sarah Evans

**Opening Protocol:**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by O'Rourke, seconded by Lerchen.
- Lerchen made a motion to approve September's minutes with no changes. O'Rourke seconded the motion to approve.

**Monarch Butterfly Festival**

- Arts Council hosted a craft table at the Monarch Butterfly festival on October 1.
- Many children engaged in the craft (coloring a wooden butterfly decoration); placement of the table next to the face painting area was highly beneficial from a foot traffic standpoint.

**Hispanic Heritage Festival**

- Saturday, October 14 from 12-5 pm at St Thomas (sponsored by CRC and OneMamaroneck)
- Two craft options for kids and interested adults –
  - Tissue paper flowers
  - Symbols on rocks
- Kiriakou will work on the educational backdrop explaining the inspiration of both crafts
- Multiple shifts will be set-up to support the prep work, as well the day-of craft table

**Mamaroneck Film Festival (Spring 2024):**

- Planning is currently at a standstill. Kiriakou and Aber continue to seek a path forward for Mamaroneck Film Festival and will advise on the outcome at the November meeting.

**Candlelight Concerts:**

- Kiriakou connected with Tami Burks from St. Thomas to inquire about using the space in Jan/Feb 2024
- Further discussion this potential event/series will take place at the November meeting

**Joyce Marie Washburn Exhibit at the Library:**

- O'Rourke will contact Trish at the Mamaroneck Library to find out the timing and rotational cue of artwork for the lower level by the Community Room

**Poetry Live 2024:**

- Scarsdale Middle School has expressed interest in participating in the 2024 event
- Sunday, April 7 2024 is the date that the Emelin has confirmed; however, there is a potential conflict with Fox Lane's spring break. Dorian will move forward with this date as she contacts the schools that traditionally participate.

**Poet Laureate:**

- O'Rourke brought forth a proposal to the Arts Council to shorten the Poet Laureate term to 2 years with an option to extend for another year.
- Aber made a motion to reduce the term to two years (from four years); O'Rourke seconded the motion.
  - Arts Council voted unanimously to reduce the term.

**Flower Arrangement and Demonstration:**

- Potential opportunity for a spring event under the lead of local flower designer who uses seasonal specific blooms and greenery
- Arts Council was excited at the prospect of adding this type of event to the annual calendar
  - Kiriakou will discuss further with the florist

**Closing Protocol:**

- Sable-Friedman motioned to close the meeting at 8:11 pm and Aber seconded.
- The next meeting is Thursday, November 2 at The Regatta.