

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 7:00P.M.  
Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Members and guests:
  - i. Members present: Co-Chairs Jacqueline Meier and Chari Allison, Marina Kiriakou, Joycemarie Washburn, Jamie Weisinger, Robin Campbell, Trustee liaison Leon Potok  
  
Volunteers: Melissa Moak, Solange De Santis  
New visitors : Hillary Short (author, chef), Dena Schumacher (LMC-TV production manager)  
Absent: Jane Dorian
2. Meeting called to order
  - i. The meeting of the Arts Council was called to order by Allison at 7:10 PM.
3. Approval of minutes
  - i. Meier moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Campbell seconded. All in favor.
4. Expansion of Arts Council:
  - i. Potok said the village Board of Trustees approved expanding the council to nine members from the current seven, effective in two weeks. Four resumes have been received for the two openings and the BOT will decide whom to appoint to the council. Allison noted that expectations should be clear for prospective members and that those not chosen may also wish to attend and serve as volunteers.
  - ii. Potok and Meier noted that local poet Michael Patrick Collins read his poetry at the BOT meeting about Harbor Island and it was quite effective. Discussion that he should be approached for Poetry Live!
5. Summer Concerts:
  - i. De Santis described the tasks connected with producing the July 4 and Sunday Summer Nights on the Sound concerts. Potok noted that volunteers are needed. It was decided that since having professional sound for the Sunday concerts is becoming quite expensive, bands will be paid \$200 more than the \$1,200 fee and be asked to bring their own sound. There was general discussion of changing the day or time of the concert, but Sundays at 7 pm was retained.
  - ii. There was general discussion of publicity needed, vision for the concert series (variety, community outreach), exploring a music festival for next year rather than a series of single concerts, and incorporating dance.
  - iii. Potok said he expects that the cost of sound/stage for July 4 will again come from the village budget. It was decided to invite St. Thomas Orchestra again to perform, and the Soundettes a cappella group to perform the national anthem before the concert.
  - iii. It was decided the Sunday concerts will be July 15, 22, 29, August 5 DeSantis will contact the Rec Dept to be sure Family Fun Night is not scheduled for August 5. Otherwise, the concerts will be July 8, 15, 22, 29. There will be no rain dates, but a kill fee if the concert is rained out.

iv. There was discussion of opening acts, possibly featuring music students who would bring family members and friends to the concert, and the stage logistics necessary.

v. The February meeting, when bands are chosen, will be moved to Feb. 13 from Feb. 14 so as not to conflict with Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday.

**Action item:** De Santis will create a transition document for July 4 and the Sunday concerts, and meet with concert volunteers Bott, Short, Campbell.

6. Poetry Live!

i. It was noted that Dorian sent a message saying that the Emelin Theater is suggesting a change in the Poetry Live! date, currently April 29, but the council doesn't consider this a good idea. Potok agreed the village could stress with the Emelin the importance of community events.

7. Art Lecture Series:

i. Kathy Richlin of Arts Westchester and Jonathan Reidel **[NAME SPELLINGS, PLEASE]** were mentioned for the Feb. 25 and March 18 lectures. The topic for the April 22 lecture is to be the book "1968," which is the community read, and the lecture would expand the book's themes. Washburn mentioned posters from that era and the question of whether they are art. She also mentioned The Who's "Tommy" and "Quadrophenia" albums from that year. Meier noted the topic of art and censorship. Short said she would ask art historian Hunter Drohojowska-Philp about speaking. Kiriakou noted a possible topic of art and social commentary. The May 20 lecture is to feature St. Thomas Episcopal Church Music Director Eric Milnes speaking and performing on the topic "From the Harpsichord to the Piano: A Musical Journey," and the venue will be St. Thomas Church, which has the required instruments.

8. Spring Art Show

i. Allison said the planned date is Saturday, May 5 on the lawn in front of the Rec Dept at Harbor Island Park. Volunteers to work with Allison on the show are Weisinger, Washburn and Kiriakou, with Bott available for promotion.

ii. The group needs to measure the space and decide how many spaces there will be for artists. Allison will draft a budget for the event. Since it's Cinco de Mayo, there could be a Latino band and also food trucks. There was discussion of a \$500 prize for a juried show and artists would also offer their work for sale.

**Action item:** Allison will draft a budget for the event. Meier and Washburn will work with Allison on the wording of the call for art. Committee members will measure the field.

9. Village Song:

i. There was general discussion and approval of Robin Campbell's idea for a village song as an expression of community pride. Campbell said she likes to write lyrics and would like to work with a composer on the song. Bott noted she would talk to music schools about finding a composing partner for Campbell and all agreed to pass along names of composers they may know.

10. Other business:

i. Kiriakou suggested a video series on the theme "Who are we? We are the arts" that would interview local artists. Bott said she is talking to LMC-TV about an arts show. Schumacher noted that anyone can request volunteer coverage of an event. Allison referenced the Word of Mouth video series produced several years ago that interviewed artists at the library.

ii. There was general discussion once again of an art show at Murphy Bros. storage facility, but no decision was reached.

iii. Potok updated the council on the village's wayfinding project, designed to standardize attractive signage throughout the village and enhance the community's look. The Board of Trustees has a proposal of \$400,000 for signs and will be considering the matter at the end of February, and opinions are welcome.

11. Adjournment

i. Meier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Washburn seconded it. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.