

**Village of Mamaroneck
Arts Council Meeting**

Minutes for August 3, 2020

Attendees:

Members: Jane Dorian, Chari Allison, Lawrence Cohen, Marina Kiriakou, Violet Useda-Linder

Volunteers: Melissa Moak, Solange DeSantis, Joyce Marie Washburn, Robin Campbell

Village Representatives: Nora Lucas, Dan Sarnoff

Absent:

Members: Jackie Meier, Melinda Buie

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by M. Kiriakou, seconded by V. Useda-Linder.

1. Mask Project: posters were distributed and masks are available for pick up at four sites in the Village: the Library, Marine Life Center, Village Hall, and the Mamaroneck Diner. Deadline for submitting painted masks was changed to August 30th. Library to set up a zoom session where Kiriakou and Useda-Linder will be demonstrating painting techniques.

Dorian suggested that masks should also be mailed to the Arts Council Post Office box % the Village Hall. The project will be open to residents of the Village of Larchmont and Town of Mamaroneck. Local summer camps and Girl Scouts (Nora to provide contact) will also be invited to participate.

2. Entertainment: The local band project (street-side in Village) will be put on hold due to Covid-19 safety concerns. J. Meier will follow-up, perhaps with the view to offer next summer.

3. Art on the Avenue: Useda-Linder outlined the idea of having the community paint canvases that would be featured on the Avenue to boost art and increase foot traffic for local businesses. Useda-Linder will create a handout to leave with owners to introduce this project. Volunteers to help coordinate are: Dorian, Washburn, Kiriakou.

Discussed were kits of canvas, paint and brushes to be made available to participants. Useda-Linder discussed the possibility of using Landmarks or local themes as subject matter. Drop off sites to be decided. Artwork would be displayed on easels to attract walk-ins and create interest outside the restaurants.

4. Stepping Stone Project: Kiriakou shared that Jamie Weisenger will be stepping down from the Arts Council due to personal and business reasons. Since Weisenger was the initiator of this project, Council members decided to put it on hold.

5. L. Cohen expressed interest in working on Shakespeare at the Harbor for next summer if health concerns around Covid abate.

6. Arts & Crafts Fair - C. Allison suggested the idea of hosting an online Crafts fair this fall instead of the annual one at the library. Discussed was that such a format would benefit local artists beyond the one day in December, and we could expand the amount of participants. Allison to research possibilities.

7. Poetry Live! Dorian and Kiriakou discussed the idea of having student participants from last spring read their work online via zoom or another format. Dorian to follow up.

8. Mamaroneck Coloring Book - N. Lucas described and showed the coloring book that her daughter and other Scouts designed. Many of the scenes depicted local landmarks. Idea of distributing pages from this book to seniors or via the library was discussed.

9. Juneteenth will be added to the local celebration calendar. Tie-ins and assistance by the Arts Council will be considered in early spring, when we know what kind of events are possible or likely.

10. Kiriakou asked if members or volunteers could recommend any candidates to fill one or two seats on the Arts Council.

Motion to close the meeting was made at 8:23 by Useda-Linder; Dorian seconded the motion.