

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Members and guests:
 - a. Members present: *Chari Allison, Jacqueline Meier, Marina Kiriakou, Kate Colson, Melinda Buie, Violet Useda-Linder*
 - b. Volunteers present: *Joycemarie Washburn, Solange DeSantis, Melissa Moak*
 - c. Village of Mamaroneck / Westchester County: *Nora Lucas, George Latimer*
 - d. Absent: *Jamie Weisenger, Jane Dorian, Larry Cohen*
2. Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Useda-Linder and Allison.
3. **New officer discussion** was initiated by Meier. Kiriakou was nominated for the position of co-chairperson by Meier, and council members unanimously voted her in effective immediately. Meier offered to continue serving as co-chair for another year.

Discussion around the need to identify additional member support in the form of treasurer and recording secretary. Meier suggested Allison as treasurer. Allison accepted. Useda-Linder volunteered to be recording secretary, with support of Dorian or others, as needed. Lucas confirmed that monthly minutes should be uploaded to the Village of Mamaroneck website.

4. **Summer Concert and Play:**

A. Meier reported that the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's, ***Much Ado About Nothing***, is booked for Saturday, August 1st, 6 pm, at the Mamaroneck Harbor. There will be no rain date. Plans to promote this event include working with a costumed Shakespeare character positioned at strategic spots around the Village Friday, July 31st. Latimer suggested the possibility of using the County's video production studio to record a promotional video prior to the event. Allison suggested that this may also be done in conjunction with LMC-TV.

B. **July 4th Concert** at the Harbor is confirmed. De Santis reported that St. Thomas Orchestra will perform and will accept the same fee established last year. Meier to confirm use of stage with Jim Salta; Allison to confirm via email with Jerry Barberio as to whether RFP award for staging extends to 2020. Lucas to confirm that Village of Mamaroneck will be paying for the stage. Meier suggested that Colson would likely resume as point person for this event.

C. Village of Mamaroneck **BLOCK PARTY** is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th, 6-10 pm. Meier presented music samples that were submitted in response to Call for Local (Mamaroneck-based) Bands. All present discussed sponsoring two bands, the first starting at

7pm, the second at 8:30pm. Selections were played from: George Lore's bands, Reunion and Funky Blue; Barn Dog Project; Burr Johnson Band; First Class; and Radio X. Allison recommended confirming that bands are truly local; Meier to contact each and report back. Allison and Meier discussed the need to hire a sound person that can coordinate with both bands. Sound production person and fee to be determined. A range of fees for each band was discussed, between \$300-\$500 for each. Buie and Meier will follow-up on the details of this event.

5. **Winter Chamber Music Concert** by the St. Thomas Orchestra Chamber Players will take place at St. Bartholomew Church in White Plains on February 16th. De Santis distributed flyers promoting this event.

6. Kiriakou reported that the **Grand Central Tour**, planned in collaboration with Mamaroneck Library, takes place Tuesday, April 21st at Grand Central. The tour will be led by a Municipal Arts Society docent that will highlight the history of the art scene at Grand Central Station during the 1920s to correspond with the "Community Read" of *Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis. The library will cover the \$500 fee to cover 25 attendees; a second tour may be scheduled depending upon early registration. Promotion for this event was launched on-line via the library newsletter and in-house bulletins.

The committee for this event is: Wasburn, Buie, Kiriakou. Weisenger to produce a printed brochure (for attendees) and a promotional flyer.

7. **Grand Central Kids**, is a second collaboration with the library, as reported by Kiriakou. A hands-on art workshop will take place at the library on Friday, April 24th at 3:30pm. Council members discussed the possibility of a treasure hunt, coloring sheets, and a group project. Buie, Useda-Linder, Washburn, and Kiriakou to work on this event.

8. **Poetry Live!** Kiriakou updated the status of this event. Teachers of the 5 participating schools will submit student poems by March 13th, at which time production of the anthology will begin. Colson and Latimer suggested highlighting first-time Westchester Youth Poet Laureate, Danielle Kohn, who is a junior at Scarsdale HS. Kiriakou to reach out to her. Possibility of honoring Liz O'Rourke or other local poets for this year's event. Following volunteered to work on the day of event: Allison, De Santis, Lucas, Washburn.

9. Meier shared the first mock-up for the **Arts Council website**, designed by Weisenger, "Community & The Arts." The site includes an interactive space for Artist Registry, which breaks local artists into categories by their medium.

10. Allison reported that WXPk ("The Peak") radio contacted the Recreation Dept. to inquire whether we would like to do a concert with them in the fall. Lucas reported support for this idea from other Village departments. Latimer suggested the County can assist with promotion.

11. Meier reported on the rotating art installations that will be featured from now on in the lobby of the Village Hall. Meier's paintings are the first in this rotation and are currently on display.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Useda-Linder and Buie at 8:23 pm.