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VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Members and guests:
 - a. Members present: *Chari Allison, Jacqueline Meier, Marina Kiriakou, Dena Schumacher, Robin Campbell, Kate Colson*
 - b. Volunteers present: *Melissa Moak*
 - c. Village of Mamaroneck: *Leon Potok*
 - d. Absent: *Joycemarie Washburn, Jane Dorian, Jamie Weisenger*

2. Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Meier

3. Campbell and Kiriakou motioned to approve minutes for September.

4. **Artist Registry:** Discussion about creation of Artist Registry: call for participation: inclusion of Town of Mamaroneck; identification by category; privacy issues; publicizing registry to local artists and interested organizations; format of registry (to include photo of work/artist, brief bio, contact info).
 - a. Discussion included the vision to establish an Arts Council website that is independent of the Village website. Registry would be a feature.
 - b. Potok affirmed possibility of establishing website as long as it is controlled by Arts Council members.
 - c. Potok suggested referencing the Marine Education Center (MEC) website for ideas.
 - d. All in attendance agreed to open Registry to all residing and/or working in both the Village and Town of Mamaroneck.
 - e. Kiriakou to prepare “Call to Participate” for next meeting. Target date for distribution is late November.
 - f. Colson to provide publicity list used for Summer Concert series.

5. **Spooktacular – October 21st @ Harbor; 12:20 – 4:30**
 - a. Meier reported that new logo will be printed and ready for this event.
 - b. Meier to organize craft portion of event, including treat bags for decorating.
 - c. Schumacher and Colson offered to attend event on behalf of Arts Council.

6. **Community Mosaic Project:**
 - a. Schumacher reported that Marine Education Center Advisory Committee (MECAC) meeting will take place on October 11th; she cannot attend but will supply information about Mosaic to Potok for presentation.
 - b. Discussion about communicating with MECAC and Harbor Conservancy to ensure we are all working towards compatible objectives.
 - c. Potok suggested that next step could be creation of working group of Arts Council and MECAC co-chairs and head of Recreation Department recommend mural and mosaic projects.
 - d. Schumacher suggested that mosaic concept came about in response to lack of consensus at MECAC regarding the proposed mural.
 - e. Allison discussed proposing painting garbage container at MEC. Potok suggested that perhaps mural could be tested on one wall of building as a start.
 - f. Schumacher estimates budget for Mosaic project at \$500. Allison reported that this amount would be covered in Operating Budget.

7. **“Books Come to Life” – Saturday, January 12th @ Library; evening**

Schumacher presented update on this event, which has been confirmed for January 12th. Details are still in process; library will provide workers and snacks for attendees.

 - a. Weisenger volunteered to handle marketing at last meeting.
 - b. Allison offered access to Boy Scouts troop to help that evening.
 - c. Schumacher requested support for decorating: possible photo booth and tour sites and displays.

8. **Film Project**
 - a. Campbell reported that she, Washburn, and Dorian attended a premiere screening of “Victims,” a film produced by a local artist. It was discussed that the content of this particular film would not be appropriate for the launch of the Arts Council series.
 - b. Campbell reported that Hillary Short, for her part, has postponed moving forward with this event due to various reasons, including more research needed.
 - c. Schumacher stated that it is a good idea to wait for the 8-screen Mamaroneck Playhouse to open (late spring 2019?) so that we can launch a true “Mamaroneck-themed” series at the new venue. Suggested that the Arts Council can move forward in partnership with LMC-TV.
 - d. Committee discussed offering a series that featured “short films.” Allison offered to ask her friend, Doug Le Claire, producer of Asbury Shorts Festival, to come mentor the Arts Council as we consider moving forward with this program.

- e. Further discussion included the Arts Council developing our own film series concept moving forward; Colson suggested possibility of working with Rick Velleu, Director of Documentary, "Boatlift."

9. Westchester Community Foundation Grant

- a. Meier reported that Dan Sarnoff forwarded information about a potential grant that Arts Council can partner with a local non-profit organization.
- b. Grant objective is to support arts and culture as a way to help Community thrive.
- c. The grant ranges between \$1,000 - \$40,000. Letter of submission is due by October 19th at 5pm. Date for full proposal is November 30th.
- d. Committee discussed possibility of partnering with Community Resource Center (CRC).
- e. Colson and Schumacher volunteered to contact Jirandy Martinez at CRC to discuss.
- f. Meier suggested idea of offering art classes to children that don't have easy access to such instruction or materials.

10. Arts and Crafts Fair – December 1st 10 am – 4pm

- a. Allison reported that there are currently 46 participants signed up. The fair will be held on the entire lower level of the library.
- b. Schumacher offered to help with photography and posting notices and updates online.
- c. Allison requested assistance with PR and Marketing.

11. Poetry Live! – Jane Dorian's report via Allison

- a. Committee agreed that Sunday, April 28th is preferable over the 14th, which is Palm Sunday. This will be proposed to the Emelin.
- b. Emelin Theater has invited Arts Council members to attend November 1st event, "Kaya Nicole and Samba Soul." It begins at 7:30.
- c. This event is part of the "Made in Westchester" series.
- d. Committee discussed that it would be a good idea to attend in light of our wish to have our organizations support each other's efforts.

12. Next Board Meeting scheduled for November 14th.

13. Campbell and Kiriakou motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:26 pm.