

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
The Regatta
Tuesday, October 3, 2022

1. Attendees:

- a. *Members:* Melinda Buie, Jane Dorian, Marina Kiriakou, Cristina Lerchen, Michael Norberto, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Piper Stevens
- b. *Volunteers:* Solange De Santis
- c. *Village of Mamaroneck / Board of Trustees:* Nora Lucas
- d. Absent: Karla Aber, Astrid Iliana Arias

2. Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by, Norberto and seconded by Buie.

3. The July meeting minutes were approved. Lerchen made a motion to accept and O'Rourke seconded. The September meeting minutes were approved. Buie make a motion to accept and Norberto seconded.

4. Butterfly Auction: Kiriakou discussed the auction and reported that the Arts Council did not succeed in obtaining any sculptures (the goal was to purchase two sculptures). Members discussed the possibility of private commissions for butterfly sculptures that would be affordable. Kiriakou will provide more information at the next meeting and Lucas will follow up on the status of sculptures to honor first responders.

5. Poetry Update: O'Rourke discussed plans for a Poetry Society (name to be decided) for Mamaroneck High School and Rye Neck High School students to establish a place to share work and deepen the craft of poetry. Possibilities include monthly meetings, guest hosts, open mic sessions, trips to NYC, etc. Buie, Norberto, O'Rourke and Kiriakou volunteered to work on the project. Kiriakou proposed that the Council create a mission statement for the Poetry Society and send an informational letter to high school teachers. O'Rourke asked members to submit possible new names for the project. Lerchen will design a call out for student poets. De Santis recommended contacting Ella Chin (student poet) and De Santis will send contact information to O'Rourke.

6. Poetry Live! 2023: Dorian reported that Poetry Live! will take place on Sunday, April 23 at 2:30 PM at the Emelin Theater. Dorian will send a letter to participating teachers at the 5 schools. De Santis mentioned that April 23 is Shakespeare's birthday and members discussed ideas for celebrating at the event.

7. Arts and Crafts Fair: Kiriakou discussed the Council's Arts and Crafts Fair held in past years during the Christmas season. De Santis reported that the St. Thomas Christmas Fair will be held on December 10. Council members agreed that there is not enough time to organize a Christmas Fair, so it will be scheduled for the spring. Kiriakou said we need to create a call for artists and she will contact Allison. O'Rourke suggested that we reach out to more artists this year and inform them early about the spring fair.

8. Film Series: Kiriakou opened discussion on the independent film series project (film festival for new filmmakers) and suggested that Beverly Sherrid's daughter, Eloise, is a contact. A committee was formed with Aber, O'Rourke, Norberto and De Santis volunteering.

9. Mamaroneck Monarch Butterfly Festival: Kiriakou reported that the Arts Council participated in the Butterfly Festival held at Harbor Island Park on September 24th. Two tables were set up with photos advertising Arts Council projects and over 250 children and parents made and colored butterfly puppets provided by the Council.

10. Presentation on Village of Mamaroneck Departments: Kiriakou outlined the many departments that the Arts Council works with, what each department is responsible for, and the names of people in charge. Kiriakou gave Council members a printed sheet for reference.

11. Other Business: Norberto proposed a dance performance, possibly for the spring with multiple choreographers at the Emelin or the movie house. De Santis said that Heathcote Hall at St. Thomas Church is also a possibility for a performance. Norberto will contact various professional dancers in NYC.

Larchmont Arts Festival: The Festival will take place on October 1st at Constitution Park and Buie will be a featured artist.

12. Buie made a motion to end the meeting; O'Rourke seconded.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.