

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
FINAL & APPROVED Meeting Minutes

The Regatta
Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Attendees:

- Members: Marina Kiriakou, Karla Aber, Astrid Arias, Cristina Lerchen, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Jane Sable-Friedman, Piper Stevens
- Volunteers: Solange De Santis, Larry Cohen, Jane Dorian, Robin Campbell, Joyce Marie Washburn
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Aber and seconded by O'Rourke.
- December's minutes – Aber noted one edit under the Film Festival section. Kiriakou will update and send to S. Roberts.

New Council Member:

- Kiriakou welcomed new member Jane Sable-Friedman, who is an 8-year resident of Mamaroneck and the Executive Director of the Larchmont Temple. Sable-Friedman's extensive leadership background and passion for the arts position her well for being an integral member of the VoM Arts Council.
- Council members and volunteers welcomed Sable-Friedman and provided brief introductions. Kiriakou emphasized to the entire group the importance of bringing forth new ideas and leaning into your passions when volunteering for specific Arts Council programs and projects.

Film Festival (Winter 2024):

Series of films throughout the year, culminating in a weekend Festival event that focuses on films and/or artists with a tie to Mamaroneck and surrounding areas.

- Kiriakou emphasized the need to identify and lock-in final partners in upcoming weeks (Emelin, LMC, Mamaroneck Cinema, Mamaroneck Library).
- Aber has been in contact with Julie Seely in regards to showing *The Skinny House* documentary as part of the film festival. Seely is interested in screening the movie but wants it as part of a film festival circuit (versus individual movie screening).
- De Santis mentioned the upcoming Centennial Movie Series (The 3 Ages) at the Mamaroneck Library (Wed, Jan 18). Several Arts Council members will attend.
- De Santis suggested having an overarching name for the Film Festival (Sound Shore Film Festival) and other film events to provide consistency and gain traction from a marketing/event recall perspective. This will be discussed at the next sub-committee meeting.

Poetry Live! (April 2023):

Middle school and high school students perform an original poem to live audience at Emelin.

- Dorian suggested ways of making a strong tie between Poetry Live! and Shakespeare, given the event falls on the poet's birthday. Ideas include someone dressing up as Shakespeare to greet participants and audience and using significant stanzas as the audience read-alouds.
- The volunteer committee consists of Dorian, DeSantis, O'Rourke, Lucas, Buie.
- The group will decide upon a reader or a featured speaker.

Sunday Collective (Ongoing):

Quarterly arts gathering with a loose theme/direction open to artists in a variety of disciplines to showcase/perform.

- O'Rourke has asked that council members send additional thoughts on what the Sunday Collective could be as she starts to develop a revised concept.

Art at the Regatta (Ongoing):

Local artists' work is featured and rotated regularly in the main entrance area of The Regatta building.

- The January reception to celebrate local artist Amanda Schosid will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 10 am. Coffee and bagels will be provided.
- Schosid's work will be on display throughout Q1.

3rd Annual Summer Pop Up Concert Series (July 2023):

A series of four evening 1-hour concerts in July. Concerts are held in local parks such as Columbus, Florence and the Poetry Garden.

- The Council subcommittee includes: Sable-Friedman, Lerchen, De Santis, Stevens, Buie, Alison, Cohen and Campbell.
- Co-chairs: Cohen & Sable-Friedman
- Prospective theme: global music
- Subcommittee will meet in the upcoming weeks to begin the foundational planning for the 2023 series.

July 4th Concert (July 2023):

- De Santis is not able to fulfill the volunteer coordination this year, so Council will need to identify a new lead for this premier event.

Village of Mamaroneck Concert Series (Summer 2023):

- Wed, July 19
- Wed, Aug 9
- Sat, Sept 9 – will be held at Harbor Island or Columbus Park

Shakespeare in the Park (Summer 2023):

- Will discuss at next meeting

Poetry Garden (Ongoing):

- 500 crocuses were planted in the fall for spring bloom.
- Research solar lights to be installed around the sculptures – will need to ask for permission once we have the proposed number of lights and locations.
- May be future opportunities to plan and propose an ongoing/permanent electrical source for the garden.

The Art of Storytelling (new concept):

- Building off of the popularity of 'The Moth' and the like, how can we bring the concept of personal storytelling to a local level.
- Would be a wonderful way to celebrate and highlight the micro-communities within the Village.

Other items of note:

- Poetry Tree: O'Rourke notified the Council of the Library Poetry Tree that will be created by the circulation desk during April (poetry month). Throughout the month, library guests will be invited to write a poem or line/stanza of poetry on a leaf to attach to the tree.
 - Cohen suggested a cross-promotion with Poetry Live! O'Rourke suggested we provide a leaf to all event participants to write down a favorite part of their original poem.
- Historical Society: Kiriakou has started a dialogue with the Historical Society about potential partnerships/programming in the future.

Closing Protocol:

- Lerchen motioned to close at 8:15 pm and O'Rourke seconded.
- The next Meeting will be held on Monday, January 30 at the Regatta.