

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Final MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Monday, March 6, 2023

Attendees:

- Members: Marina Kiriakou, Karla Aber, Astrid Arias, Cristina Lerchen, Elizabeth O'Rourke
- Volunteers: Solange De Santis, Jane Dorian, Joyce Marie Washburn
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas
- Absent: Piper Stevens, Melinda Buie, Jane Sable Friedman, Michael Norberto

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by O'Rourke, seconded by Arias.
- O'Rourke made a motion to approve February's minutes with no changes, seconded by Arias.

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

- Kiriakou stated that Aber wrote event summary from previous concert series that can be used to streamline planning process going forward.
- Series subcommittee will meet Wednesday, March 8 to discuss the global music theme and explore next steps.
- Dates have been secured for the series: Friday nights in July (7, 14, 21, 28) with Saturday rain dates. Concerts will follow the same parks/sequence as 2022 (two at Florence Park, one at Columbus Park, and one at Poetry Garden).

Village of Mamaroneck Concert Series (Summer 2023):

- Broadway band has been secured and Dan Tashman at Emelin Theater is exploring another band.
- Budget remains the same as last year.
- 9/16 at Columbus Park falls on Rosh Hashanah and will be rescheduled in observance. Kiriakou will inquire about availability on Sunday, 9/17 with Jason Pinto. There will be no rain date.

July 4th Concert (July 2023):

- De Santis is not able to fulfill dual role as both orchestra manager and Council volunteer this year, as such Sable-Friedman will take over as event lead for Council. Sable-Friedman will receive thorough tutorial from De Santis.
- Planning will begin now and De Santis will contact Jim Saltas about stage and will let the orchestra know that July 4th planning has commenced.

Art at the Regatta (Ongoing)

- Washburn expressed concern about displaying her work at The Regatta. Washburn feature now on hold.

- Lerchen suggested featuring photographs from Marine Education Center's photography competition as an alternative. Lerchen will reach out to Kyle Troy to discuss.

Poetry Update:

- Laureate Lecture: O'Rourke and Village of Mamaroneck Poet Laureate, Michael Collins, will offer a series of two lectures. The first will take place on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00pm in the Mamaroneck Library Community Room. The 1-1.25 hour lecture will be centered on the theme of dreams in poetry. The second lecture, date to be determined, will focus on refugee poetry.
- Youth National Poet: O'Rourke is working with Terry Numa, Head of Youth Services, at the Mamaroneck Library to host Youth National Poet, Vidhatrie Keetha, for a community lecture/reading series. Kiriakou asked if we can request Keetha's attendance/participation in Poetry Live. O'Rourke noted that requests are considered on a "first available" basis. O'Rourke will follow up on Thursday, 3/9. O'Rourke to mail package with Poetry Live materials (ie. Book, photographs, etc.) to Keetha for her consideration.
- Poetry Garden: Lerchen proposed children/community "Poetry Pebbles" project. Children will paint stones featuring individual words. Poems can then be formed by arranging stones in a variety of ways. Stones will be left in the garden for the community's enjoyment. O'Rourke suggested painting take place the week of 3/27. Lerchen will connect with Terry Numa.

Poetry Live! (April 2023):

- Dorian asked for volunteers to help with registration and other tasks at the event. O'Rourke, Washburn, Arias, and De Santis volunteered.
- Kiriakou stated that there will be no need for professional photography. Council members to take photos.
- Marketing needs include coordinating graphics and Instagram features including poetry fragments from participating poets. Lucas suggests asking Village Attorney about permissions needed to feature youth poets' work.
- De Santis will follow up with Arcadia Florist about floral donation and ensure that they are listed as sponsor on the program.
- Council to use tote bag inventory as gifts for participating teachers and Dorian to inquire about gift card from Anderson's for raffle.
- The new "POETRY" sculpture in the Poetry Garden will be the featured image on event materials.

Film Festival (Winter 2024):

- Kiriakou noted that the subcommittee will meet Monday, March 13. Emelin, LMC, Mamaroneck Library, and Mayor Tom Murphy are in support of festival. Mamaroneck Cinemas will be approached in the near future about its participation.
- Kiriakou suggested valuable collaboration with Sean Weiner, formerly of Creative Culture at the Jacob Burns Film Center. Weiner has extensive experience in the film festival production space. Budget for his consult is TBD.

Shakespeare in the Park (Summer 2023):

- Council has the budget for production. As such, Lerchen will confirm August 19, 2023 with Irvington Shakespeare Company and will connect with Allison for contract formatting.

Closing Protocol:

- O'Rourke motioned to close at 8:02 pm and Aber seconded.
- The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30pm at The Regatta.