

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Approved MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Attendees:

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

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:38 by Lerchen, seconded by Norberto.
- Sable-Friedman made a motion to approve March's minutes with no changes, seconded by Lerchen.

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

- Allison and Sable-Friedman worked through the musician contract, as well as the protocols for concert cancellations/re-schedules.
- No submissions have been received yet for the Pop-up concert musicians; council members will begin reaching out to direct contacts who may have interest or connections with world music performers.
- Stevens to update the marketing materials to reflect July 15 versus July 14 (to avoid conflicting date with Tiki Night at Harbor Island).
- Kiriakou mentioned that several restaurants have expressed interest in setting up picnic options for concert-goers. Subcommittee will investigate if permitting is needed for food vendors.

Village of Mamaroneck Concert Series (Summer 2023):

- Broadway band has been secured.
- Emelin marketing director has left, additional band for summer concert series is still tbd.

July 4th Concert (July 2023):

- Sable-Friedman is shadowing De Santis to lead this coordination effort.
- All village departments have been contacted in regards to the concert details and needs.
- Rehearsal dates are still in flux – courtroom is secured for July 2 or the orchestra can use their standard rehearsal space in Tarrytown.
- Plan to announce pop-up concert series during the July 4th festivities to increase awareness.

Art at the Regatta (Ongoing)

- Seven photos are on display from Marine Education Center's 'Everything Water' photo contest from Oct 2022.

- Will continue to refresh the display as new photos are available from upcoming photo contests.

Poet Laureate Michael Collins:

- Collins is offering a lecture on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00pm in the Mamaroneck Library Community Room (Poetry and Dreams).
- He will be speaking at the tree planting ceremony on Earth Day at Harbor Island.
- Collins will introduce Youth National Poet, Vidhatrie Keetha, at Poetry Live.

Poetry Garden:

- Poetry pebbles children's art activity was a huge success at the Library and the pebbles are now available at the Poetry Garden.
- Many visitors to the Poetry Garden are interacting with the pebbles and sharing photos on Instagram.

Poetry Live! (April 2023):

- Event starts at 2:30. Artistree has a performance before but has said they would be leaving between 1:30-1:45.
- Anthology journals are being created and will be paired with goody bags from Trader Joe's for the participating teachers.
- The flowers have been secured from Arcadia
- Library staff and the 2022 poet laureate candidates will be invited to attend, as well.
- Two posters for sandwich boards are needed. Kiriakou to use the Anthology cover for the visual.

Library Activity/Programming:

- Given the Library's current lifeline status, they are open to volunteer-run programming ideas from the Arts Council.
- Artie Kastenbaum – Highly accomplished B&W photographer has offered to host a local lecture. Kiriakou will suggest as an opportunity for library programming.

Juneteenth:

- Village celebration will happen on Saturday, June 17
- Kiriakou has proposed buying 8-10 books (various categories/age groups) about Black Artists.
 - Kiriakou has a contact at a Black publishing company who can provide some suggestions on potential books.
 - Council members should send book suggestions to J. Dorian.
- Council has approved up to \$400 to spend on books.
 - Motion to approve proposed budget was offered by O'Rourke, Norberto seconded the motion.

Film Festival (Spring 2024):

- Film Festival is proposed as a 3-day festival over a weekend in late April or May.
- Kiriakou and Aber have met with Sean Weiner, previously founder and director of Creative Culture at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. After 17 years there, Weiner is well respected and has a national presence in the film world.
- Kiriakou highlighted the opportunity to hire Weiner as a consultant to help with the overarching planning and goal-setting for our first Film Festival
 - Kiriakou motioned for approval of a \$5000 budget for the consultant and Norberto seconded motion.

Shakespeare in the Park (August 2023):

- Lerchen confirmed that Shakespeare in the Park will take place on August 19, 2023 at 6 pm with Irvington Shakespeare Company (rain date is the following day).
- Next step is to finalize the contract to send back to ISC.

Closing Protocol:

- Lerchen motioned to close at 9:05 pm and Kiriakou seconded.
- The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023 at 7 pm at the Regatta.