

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Final MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Attendees:

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

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Buie, seconded by Norberto.
- Sable-Friedman made a motion to approve April's minutes with no changes, seconded by Buie.

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

- Subcommittee has reviewed performance videos from the bands who responded to the "call for the musicians."
 - There are two bands the subcommittee would like to proceed with booking:
 - Carlos Jimenez (Florence Park)
 - African Music Mercenaries (Columbus Park)
 - One additional band needs to be identified for Poetry Garden
- Schedule truncated to 3 Fridays to avoid conflict with Village's Tiki Party: July 7, 21, 28 (rain dates are the following Saturdays).

Village of Mamaroneck Concert Series (Summer 2023):

- Broadway band has been secured.
- Emelin is in process of booking a Springsteen cover band.

July 4th Concert (July 2023):

- Music director is in the final stages of putting together the program.
- Rehearsal dates and space is still in flux.
- De Santis to provide Kiriakou with invoice for the concert infrastructure.
- Plan to announce pop-up concert series during the July 4th festivities to increase awareness.

Art at the Regatta (Ongoing)

- Photos are on display from Marine Education Center's 'Everything Water' local photo contest from Oct 2022 -- additional photos have been added since last meeting.

- Will continue to refresh the display as new photos are available from upcoming photo contests.
- Washburn's work will be displayed at the library.

Poet Laureate Michael Collins:

- Collins' May 7th lecture on Poetry and Dreams was cancelled for lack of sign-up. Series will resume in the fall with the hope that schedules are less hectic.

Poetry Live! (April 2023):

- Event was a great success and the recording is now available on LMC TV's YouTube channel.

Juneteenth:

- Village celebration will happen on Saturday, June 17
- Kiriakou has purchased 10-12 books highlighting black artists.
 - Lerchen to provide a few additional thoughts
 - De Santis may have a few black musician books
- Need 2-3 council members in shifts to stand at a table during event – Kiriakou to send out a Sign Up Genius.
- Need an activity/craft idea for people to participate in that is relevant to our table and the event.

Film Festival (Spring 2024):

- Kiriakou received approval to move forward with Sean Weiner as a consultant for Film Festival planning. Weiner has walked through the 3 potential venues.
- Weiner is doing a deep-dive with several local Film Festivals, as well as towns that may be similar to Mamaroneck in size and scope to determine what went well for their Film Festivals in year one and beyond.
- Tentative Film Festival weekend: April 27-28, 2024
- By June meeting, Kiriakou and Aber will be able to present what committees need to be formed to support the Film Festival's planning and execution.
- Cohen suggested creating a promotional banner for Mamaroneck Ave for key events. Permitting and feasibility need to be explored.

Shakespeare in the Park (August 19, 2023):

- Contracts are signed.
- Irvington Shakespeare Company production team will come look at the venue in upcoming weeks

Closing Protocol:

- Buie motioned to close at 8:02 pm and Lerchen seconded.
- The ongoing regular meeting date is adjusted to the 1st Thursday of the month.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 7 pm at the Regatta.