

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. **Members and guests:**
 - a. Members present: *Chari Allison, Jacqueline Meier, Robin Campbell, Kate Colson, Jane Dorian, Jamie Weisinger*
 - b. Volunteers present: *Melissa Moak, Joycemarie Washburn, Solange De Santis*
 - c. Village of Mamaroneck Trustee Liaison: *Nora Lucas*
 - d. Absent: *Marina Kiriakou, Dena Schumacher*

2. Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

3. *Allison* motioned to accept minutes for January and *Campbell* seconded. All in favor.

4. **Historical Murals:**
 - a. *Meier* provided an update on the Mamaroneck Mural Project and reported that there are 10 submissions.
 - b. The committee will choose 3 or 4 to do an initial drawing.
 - c. *Weisinger* asked about fundraising and *Allison* discussed possibilities. Mural decisions and funding will be finalized by February 28th.
 - d. *Lucas* discussed options for mounting the murals.
 - e. LMCTV will schedule Local Live discussion of the Historical Murals on Thursday, February 21 and a request was made for a speaker from the Arts Council.

5. **Poetry Live! 2019**
 - a. *Dorian* gave an update on Poetry Live taking place at the Emelin Theater on March 31st at 2:30 PM.
 - b. *Meier, Washburn and Allison* volunteered to help at the event.
 - c. LMCTV will be recording the event and streaming live.
 - d. *Kiriakou* is designing the Anthology and Program to be printed and distributed to all students.

6. **Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival: (HVSF)**
 - a. *Allison* reported on an opportunity for HVSF to perform *Julius Caesar* at Harbor Island Park this summer.
 - b. The play is family friendly and interactive, taking place in 90 minutes with 7 actors. *Allison* stated that the \$3000 cost would come from the Arts Council budget.
 - c. Council members voted on supporting the project with *Allison* making a motion to fund the HVSF play at Harbor Island and *Meier* seconding it. All in favor.

- d. *Allison* discussed drawing up a contract with HVSF and encumbering the funds. *Lucas* will check on the possibility of doing this. Performance date may be a Sunday in August.

7. Summer Nights on the Sound

- a. *Meier* reported on the research she did on the days of the week that the Sound Shore communities hold their concerts.
- b. Council members discussed alternate days to hold concerts rather than the typical Sunday from past years, hoping to attract larger audiences. Discussion of Thursday was a possibility.
- c. *Allison* met with the president of New Rochelle Arts Council to discuss the success of direct mail to advertise concerts. *Allison* also recommended doing a trifold as a direct mailer. *Lucas* will check with the Village about mailing a brochure.
- d. *Meier* discussed the use of various food trucks at concerts, and *Weisinger* volunteered to work on the food truck project for concerts.
- e. *Meier* suggested trying to get an Art Mobile (Arts Westchester truck) with free art for kids at the concerts.
- f. *Colson* will head the summer concert series. *Campbell* and *Dorian* will assist *Colson*. *Allison* will draw up the band contracts and have checks ready. *De Santis* will work with the orchestra set up for July 4th and give the transition document to *Colson*. *Campbell* will work on the Mamaroneck song and orchestration.
- g. Members discussed the need for an RFP (3 vendors) for a sound system for July 4th. *Allison* will send the RFP to *Lucas* who has recommendations for sound vendors. The sound system cost will come out of the Village budget.
- h. Possible dates of concerts: July 4, 11, 18, 25.

8. Selecting the Bands for Summer Concerts

- a. *Colson* organized a session for council members to listen to the bands and see their videos in the Regatta conference room. She provided typed sheets for everyone for over 20 bands with descriptions of their music and website information.
- b. Everyone agreed that the *Alpaca Gnomes* should be invited back since they were rained out last year.
- c. Members also agreed that the other top bands were: a *Beatles tribute* band; *The Loyales* (a pop and R&B band); a *Billy Joel tribute* band; and a reggae band called *No Discipline*.
- d. *Colson* will contact the bands and find out dates, prices, etc.

9. **Next Arts Council Meeting** scheduled for March 13th.

10. **Adjournment:** *Campbell* and *Dorian* motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:34 PM. All in favor.