

Village of Mamaroenck Arts Council
Agenda
Meeting 12/8 SAPC Club, 7pm

1. Approve November minutes
2. Independent Film Festival
3. Poetry Live
4. Art at the Regatta
5. Summer concerts
6. Other business

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
Draft MEETING MINUTES
The Regatta
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

1. Attendees:

- a. *Members:* Karla Aber, Astrid Iliana Arias, Melinda Buie, Jane Dorian, Marina Kiriakou, Cristina Lerchen, Michael Norberto, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Piper Stevens
- b. *Volunteers:* Solange De Santis
- c. *Village of Mamaroneck / Board of Trustees:* Nora Lucas

2. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by, Norberto and seconded by Lerchen.

3. The October meeting minutes were approved. Aber made a motion to accept and O'Rourke seconded.

4. Independent Film Festival: Aber reported on the progress of the film festival committee. Members discussed decisions that need to be made about venue, time of year, type of films (shorts, full-length), partnerships, contracts, legal issues, family films, Spanish language films and the involvement of high school students, etc.

De Santis researched the history of film in Mamaroneck. Norberto mentioned the website, Film Freeway, SUNY Purchase and Jacob Burns as avenues to contact/research. Lerchen suggested getting information on important documentaries.

Kiriakou added that the committee might take small steps leading up to establishing Mamaroneck as a film center, working out relationships with sponsors. Kiriakou said she will research other film festivals and will attend a film festival with committee members.

O'Rourke summarized her contacts with Eloise Sherrid (a young filmmaker) and Marina suggested inviting her to speak about filmmaking. De Santis volunteered to contact Matt Sullivan at LMC Media to set up a possible session. The film festival committee will meet again on December 2nd at 5 PM.

5. Poetry Update: Dorian reported on Poetry Live! 2023 and said that all the Guidelines, Submission Forms, Consent Forms, etc. will be emailed to all teachers so that they can start to work with their student poets. The deadline for submission of student poems is March 10, 2023.

O'Rourke reported that there were no student responses for the Sunday Collective. Teachers said that the students are very busy this time of year. Lucas suggested that one advantage of the Sunday Collective is that it can be a resume builder.

Members discussed ideas for attracting students: having meetings at the school; having a December Social; opening the project up to middle school students; creating a new flyer with less print (more attractive to students).

Other suggestions: move to art and have an Art Collective – "The Creative Experience" with themes for each month and possibly a celebration at a restaurant or a place to gather like the Women's Club.

Lerchen suggested featuring an artist each month on Instagram as a way to rally our local artist community. Lucas mentioned the Barbershop Quartet with students who performed at the high school, as a way to encourage student performances.

Norberto said he would like to explore dance and contact dance professionals to provide performances for the community (maybe summertime).

6. Village Projects: Serenity Garden. Kiriakou and Lucas discussed the Serenity Garden, a project started by the Harbor Island Conservancy, incorporating trees, art, and the environment at Harbor Island. A mural project for the Village was also briefly discussed.

7. Art at the Regatta: Buie introduced the next artist whose work will be featured at the Regatta: Amanda Schosil. Amanda was a featured artist in the recent Larchmont Arts Festival and Buie showed photos of her art to be displayed in the lobby of the Regatta. A suggestion was made for the Council to host a reception for this guest artist.

8. Other Business: De Santis announced that tickets are available for the fall classical concert, "Autumnal Moods & Colors" featuring St. Thomas Orchestra. It will take place on Saturday, November 19, 7:30 PM at St. Thomas Church in Mamaroneck.

9. Aber made a motion to end the meeting; Buie seconded.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Next meeting is December 8th.