

VOM Arts Council Agenda

Monday, April 1, 2024
Regatta Conference Room at
123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Approve March Meeting Minutes
2. Author Laureate
3. St. Thomas Series
4. Pop Up Concerts
5. Arts and Crafts Fair
6. Poetry Live!

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Draft MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Monday, March 4, 2024

Attendees:

- Members: Piper Stevens, Cristina Lerchen, Jane Sable-Friedman, Astrid Arias, Kate Graham, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Karla Aber
- Volunteers: Joycemarie Washburn, Jane Dorian, Solange De Santis, Marina Kiriakou, Chari Allison, Larry Cohen
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by O'Rourke, seconded by Stevens.
- Sable-Friedman made a motion to approve January 2024 minutes with no changes. O'Rourke seconded the motion to approve.

Poetry Live:

- Event will take place on Sunday, April 7 at 2 pm
- Volunteers to come at 1:15 pm – Lucas, O'Rourke, Aber, Washburn, Lerchen, Graham
- Speaker for the event – Poet Laureate for Westchester, Phylisha Villanueva. Kiriakou proposed giving her a \$300 honorarium which the Council agreed with.
- Teacher gift (10-12 teachers) still needs to be purchased. Kiriakou will order Pádraig Ó Tuama's poetry book for this purpose.

Library Programming:

- Graham proposed contacting a friend/author from Pelham who could read her children's book and conduct an illustration workshop with participants (children). She may also have interest speaking about Art Therapy to parents/adults.
- De Santis suggested a play reading group for additional programming which was also well received by the Council.

St. Thomas Afternoon with Arts Monthly Series:

- March 9 – Melissa Joplin Higley will read her poetry from her new chapbook
- April 6 – Bach to Rock instructors will play family-oriented contemporary music
- May – Greenhaven artists collective
- June – Storytelling event
 - Kiriakou and Sable-Friedman will connect with ideas of how to bring this event to life, including the preparation and vetting processes

Directory of Artists:

- Members are populating, but Council needs to continue to ask artist friends if they'd like to be included in the directory. Council members who are artists of any variety should also include themselves.
- Once the directory is populated with a solid number of contacts, a link will be added to the Arts Council page of the VOM website.

Author Laureate:

- Council members and volunteers took flyers to pass out to spread the word for the Call for a new Author Laureate
- Applications are due Friday, March 15

Pop-Up Concerts:

- Call to Musicians – the flyer has been passed on via email to all musicians who have proactively reached out to the Arts Council
- Sable-Friedman will check the Arts Council gmail to continue engaging with musicians who have expressed interest or new groups who would like to be included in the vetting process.
- Final concert dates: July 19, July 26, Aug 2
- O'Rourke will reach out to the Parks & Rec Dept to understand the phasing of the Florence Park renovation in case it may be an issue with the concert dates
- Sub-committee will consider other smaller parks once they have the bands narrowed down

Arts and Crafts Fair:

- The Arts and Crafts fair will return to Mamaroneck on May 4, 10 am – 4 pm
- The fair will take place at Harbor Island indoor/outdoor location
- A&C subcommittee will vet the vendors to make the final selection for the 25(ish) slots
 - Subcommittee members: Dorian, Aber, Washburn, Sable-Friedman
- Food trucks – Subcommittee will contact Parks & Rec for a list of previously used vendors
- Updated signage will need to be made (potential vendors discussed)
- Call for Artisans / Makers – Allison to send blurb/previous versions
 - Stevens will prepare an updated flyer and branded marketing design for the event
- Music is allowed – should we connect with Bach to Rock to see if they might be interested

Closing Protocol:

- Lerchen motioned to close the meeting at 8:02 pm and Aber seconded.
- Next month's meeting will be April 1 at The Regatta.