

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Final MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Thursday, January 18, 2024

Attendees:

- Members: Piper Stevens, Cristina Lerchen, Jane Sable-Friedman, Astrid Arias, Kate Graham, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Michael Norberto
- Volunteers: Joycemarie Washburn, Jane Dorian, Solange De Santis, Marina Kiriakou, Robin Campbell
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Sable-Friedman, seconded by O'Rourke.
- O'Rourke made a motion to approve November 28, 2023's minutes with no changes. Norberto seconded the motion to approve.

New Appointment:

- Katherine Graham joins the Arts Council as a new member.

New Structure:

- Each major program / area will have a "Portfolio Head/Chair" who will act as the point person for monthly updates and follow-ups between meetings. The suggested Chair per Vertical is as follows:
 - M. Buie – Visual Arts
 - K. Aber – Film Festival
 - A. Arias – Community Engagement
 - J. Sable-Friedman – Concerts
 - P. Stevens – Marketing & Minutes
 - M. Norberto – Performing Arts
 - K. Graham – Artist Outreach
 - E. O'Rourke – Language Arts

JumpstART:

- Lerchen is leading a new children's program at the Mamaroneck Library began last week. Each session focuses on learning about one artist and then completing a project in that artist's style.
- JumpstART will be offered 4 Mondays in Jan/Feb for children who are 4-10 yo.

Step & Repeat Marketing Banner:

- New banner has been designed and printed. It will be utilized at all events as backdrop or photo opportunities.

Winter/Spring Performance Arts Series:

- 3-4 concepts for Feb, Mar, Apr & May
 - Poetry Reading and Q&A with local poet (O'Rourke)
 - Anatomy of a Scene (Michael)
 - Candlelight Concert (Jane)
 - Magic Show? / Cabaret
- Potential venues:
 - The Chapel at St. Thomas can hold up to 49 people (including performers)
 - Hall at St. Thomas can hold up to 500 (standing)

Mamaroneck Cinemas: Exhibition on Screen

- Painting the Modern Garden from Monet to Matisse (Early March)
- Offering a Monday at 10 AM for a private showing for \$16/person for the Arts Council programming (Sunday at 1 PM is normal showing).
- Extension activity – get together after the film to paint flowers or create a flower arrangement
- Council had lukewarm interest in pursuing given the potentially full spring event calendar

Directory of Artists:

- Pulling together an electronic listing of local Mamaroneck artists to provide visibility to community members of local artists for commissions, etc.
- O'Rourke will send out a link to the directory so council members can add local artists' information
- Artists will then be contacted and asked for his/her consent to be included in the public directory

Poetry Live!:

- April 7, 2024
- Subcommittee members: Jane, Elizabeth, Marina, Piper
- Will provide the Fox Lane lead with information about potentially taping participants reading their poems to be played during the event (Fox Lane is on vacation during the scheduled event date).

Poet Laureate:

- Current Poet Laureate Michael Collins is at the end of his term
- New Poet Laureate will be in place before Poetry Live! – O'Rourke suggested that we evolve to Village Laureate (to be developed further). Council was supportive of this modification.

Pop-Up Concerts:

- July 5, July 19, July 26, Aug 2
- Theme: Through the Decades
- Sub-committee – Karla, Larry, Cristina, Solange

- 4th of July – De Santis asked for confirmation from the Council that St Thomas Orchestra should be approached for the holiday celebration at Harbor Island. Council was unanimously in favor.

Shakespeare in the Park:

- August 17 – approved date from the Village
- Lerchen is speaking with the Shakespeare group that was scheduled to perform in August 2023 to get more information on their Shakespeare performance concept for the summer. Council is interested if there is a promo or an upcoming performance in order to preview.

Closing Protocol:

- Lerchen motioned to close the meeting at 8:06 pm and O'Rourke seconded.
- Next month's meeting will be Feb 5 at The Regatta.