

## **VOM Arts Council Agenda**

Monday, May 6, 2024

Regatta Conference Room at

123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Approve April Meeting Minutes
2. Poetry Live! & Arts and Crafts Fair Review
3. St. Thomas Series
4. Pop Up Concerts & July 4th Concert
5. Juneteenth
6. Joyce Marie Art Show at Library

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council  
Draft MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta  
Monday, April 1, 2024

**Attendees:**

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

**Opening Protocol:**

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

**Author Laureate:**

- Melissa Joplin Higley was announced as the new Author Laureate. Higley was present at the meeting to introduce herself to the Council and provide an overview on our proposed programming concept for her Laureate tenure: Poetry Walks.
- Higley will speak at Poetry Live on Sunday, April 7.

**Library Programming:**

- Poetry Pebbles – the Council plans on hosting a Poetry Pebble creation session on April 30 from 3-5 pm at the Mamaroneck Library. These pebbles will be added to the existing group at the Poetry Garden.

**Pop-Up Concerts:**

- Final concert dates: July 19, July 26, Aug 2
- Council has received a number of submissions (~17) from the online promotion of "Call for Musicians."
- All the band information is compiled into a spreadsheet and will be reviewed by the subcommittee on on April 16<sup>th</sup> to determine preferred bands and decades.
- Final concert dates: July 19, July 26, Aug 2
- The renovated Florence Park is supposed to open at the end of June, but the track and large field remain open throughout construction. Council will plan to schedule this location for one of the later dates in hopes construction is complete or minimal.

**4th of July Concert:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July – De Santis will connect with Jim Salta on preparations and billing to ensure everyone is on the same page.

**St. Thomas Afternoon with Arts Monthly Series:**

- March 9 – Melissa Joplin Higley read poetry from her new chapbook. The event was well-attended (between 24-30 attendees) and the layout worked nicely for the event.
- April 6 – Bach to Rock instructors concert may be pushed until May as there has been leadership turnover at the Mamaroneck location. Lerchen to confirm this week.
- May 18 (2 pm) – Open currently
- June 23 (3 pm) – Greenhaven artists collective
- Moth-style storytelling event will be further developed for fall calendar

**Art and Craft Market:**

- The Art and Craft Market will return to Mamaroneck on May 4, 10 am – 4 pm
- The Market 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
  - ~20 submissions have been received – need to ensure selected vendors represent a diverse range of arts and crafts.
- Dorian will reach out to the pizza and taco food trucks, as well as the Harbor's Hi Shack to see about availability.
- Lerchen is in contact with Bach to Rock on music timing and location
- Lerchen will circulate the call for artisans flyer for all to share with local communities, school, etc.

**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
- Dorian and O'Rourke will put together the teacher gift bags this week

**Closing Protocol:**

- Aber motioned to close the meeting at 7:57 pm and Graham seconded.
- Next month's meeting will be May 6 at The Regatta.