

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Final MEETING MINUTES

The Regatta
Monday, October 2, 2023

Attendees:

- Members: Marina Kiriakou, Piper Stevens, Karla Aber, Astrid Arias, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Cristina Lerchen, Michael Norberto, Jane Sable-Friedman
- Volunteers: Robin Campbell, Joycemarie Washburn, Chari Allison, Jane Dorian
- Trustee Liaison: Nora Lucas
- Absent: Melinda Buie
- Community Member: Sarah Evans

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by O'Rourke, seconded by Lerchen.
- Lerchen made a motion to approve September's minutes with no changes. O'Rourke seconded the motion to approve.

Monarch Butterfly Festival

- Arts Council hosted a craft table at the Monarch Butterfly festival on October 1.
- Many children engaged in the craft (coloring a wooden butterfly decoration); placement of the table next to the face painting area was highly beneficial from a foot traffic standpoint.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

- Saturday, October 14 from 12-5 pm at St Thomas (sponsored by CRC and OneMamaroneck)
- Two craft options for kids and interested adults –
 - Tissue paper flowers
 - Symbols on rocks
- Kiriakou will work on the educational backdrop explaining the inspiration of both crafts
- Multiple shifts will be set-up to support the prep work, as well the day-of craft table

Mamaroneck Film Festival (Spring 2024):

- Planning is currently at a standstill. Kiriakou and Aber continue to seek a path forward for Mamaroneck Film Festival and will advise on the outcome at the November meeting.

Candlelight Concerts:

- Kiriakou connected with Tami Burks from St. Thomas to inquire about using the space in Jan/Feb 2024
- Further discussion this potential event/series will take place at the November meeting

Joycemarie Washburn Exhibit at the Library:

- O'Rourke will contact Trish at the Mamaroneck Library to find out the timing and rotational queue of artwork for the lower level by the Community Room

Poetry Live 2024:

- Scarsdale Middle School has expressed interest in participating in the 2024 event
- Sunday, April 7 2024 is the date that the Emelin has confirmed; however, there is a potential conflict with Fox Lane's spring break. Dorian will move forward with this date as she contacts the schools that traditionally participate.

Poet Laureate:

- O'Rourke brought forth a proposal to the Arts Council to shorten the Poet Laureate term to 2 years with an option to extend for another year.
- Aber made a motion to reduce the term to two years (from four years); O'Rourke seconded the motion.
 - Arts Council voted unanimously to reduce the term.

Flower Arrangement and Demonstration:

- Potential opportunity for a spring event under the lead of local flower designer who uses seasonal specific blooms and greenery
- Arts Council was excited at the prospect of adding this type of event to the annual calendar
 - Kiriakou will discuss further with the florist

Closing Protocol:

- Sable-Friedman motioned to close the meeting at 8:11 pm and Aber seconded.
- The next meeting is Thursday, November 2 at The Regatta.