

**VOM Arts Council Agenda**  
**Monday, March 3, 2025**  
**Regatta Conference Room at 123 Mamaroneck Avenue**

1. Approve February Meeting Minutes
2. Afternoon with the Arts
3. Random Acts of Art
4. Summer Pop-Ups
5. July 4th Concert
6. Summer Concert with Emelin
7. Poetry Pebbles
8. Juneteenth
9. Open Items

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council  
Draft MEETING MINUTES  
Village Courtroom - 169 Mount Pleasant Ave  
Monday, February 3, 2024

**Attendees:**

- Members: Cristina Lerchen, Katherine Graham, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Astrid Arias, Megan Rutherford, Jane Sable-Friedman
- Volunteers: Larry Cohen, Solange de Santis, Joyce Marie Washburn, Marina Kiriakou, Jane Dorian

**Opening Protocol:**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Lerchen, seconded by O'Rourke.
- Graham made a motion to approve January 2025 minutes. Sable-Friedman seconded the motion to approve.

**Budget Update**

- O'Rourke, Lerchen & Lucas met with J. Pinto to discuss the outdated budget, remove overlap with Recreation Dept and rearrange line items. No additional money was added to the proposed budget.
  - Zeroed out some line items, such as art exhibit & arts fair
  - More money was shifted to pop up concerts, poetry live (to go towards gifts for teachers), random acts of art & author laurate
  - \$5k was allocated to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert
  - \$6k was allocated to Afternoon with the Arts (3 events, \$2k/event)
  - \$2k was allocated to miscellaneous
- O'Rourke & Lerchen will meet with Kathleen, the new village manager, to iron out details and figure out procurement in particular.
- Arts council will be responsible for payment to band for 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert.

**Emelin Summer Concerts**

- Arts Council is happy to partner with them on one concert. We have \$2,200 we are willing to contribute as long as we are part of the entire planning process, including choosing the bands.
- Traditionally the village gave \$25K for concerts, but there were originally 3 concerts. Last year there were 2 concerts and they are proposing 1 this year. Unclear what Emelin will get from the village this year.

**Afternoon with the Arts at St. Thomas**

- Moved \$2k from the budget over for this series
- One per season (fall, winter, spring), 3 total
- O'Rourke has Andrew Dolgon Brass Quintet booked for Saturday, April 26th. Program will begin at 3:00pm (3:00-3:30pm mingle and snacks, 3:30-4:30pm program).

- de Santis requested flyer in advance, so it can be put in the to be put in the bulletin to the congregation and in the back of church.
- Outdoor signage needed to guide people to the space.
- Lerchen in email exchange with Marlowe Artisanal Ales – how can we use the space? In-house artist is their co-owner (who also designs beer labels and art for the space). Art pairs well with...event?

### **Random Acts of Art**

- O'Rourke will resend Google Sheet to the Council for review of ideas.
- Would like to have something in place for March, April, May & June by next month's meeting .
  - March – acting or performance related (Oscars air 3/2)
  - April – poetry
- O'Rourke proposed a mirrored arc with Arts Council logo for selfies on Harbor Island pier as one of the more permanent "acts."
- Kiriakou has concerns Random Acts of Art won't be properly promoted and worries each event will seem too random. Need thoughtful PR effort at the start. What does that look like?
- Lerchen suggested coming up with a concise hashtag for promotion on social media.
- Cohen suggested "I supported the arts in Mamaroneck" stickers for those who attend Random Acts of Art events (similar to "I Voted" stickers).

### **Summer Pop-ups**

- Sub-committee will meet by end of February to review submissions.
- 3 Concerts - July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Craft Fair**

- Do one in conjunction with Rec department, holiday craft fair in December.

### **Juneteenth**

- Last year there was little time to put it together, would like to start planning so we can put something thoughtful together.
- Lerchen reached out to REALM but hasn't heard back, Kiriakou will follow up & act as liaison.
  - They are putting up a sculpture/monument at Town Hall dedicated to those who were enslaved in Larchmont/Mamaroneck which will be dedicated sometime in Spring- ask them to push to June?
- Lerchen suggested a jazz program with Wayne Henderson, a children's book about Melba Liston and a related craft. Possibly an artistic display with the names of the enslaved people.
- Important to have it on Juneteenth (6/19), late afternoon would work well.

### **Open Items**

- Little Art Gallery is missing a door – ask Mike Graham to fix.
- Poetry Pebbles and Little Art Gallery display need refreshing. Partner with library to do kids event in April.

- O'Rourke is working with library on Paint Chip Poetry event with Middle School students in March.
- Solange suggested advertising in Westchester Patch or selling tickets through Event Brite for our events (can "sell" tickets for \$0).

**Closing Protocol:**

- O'Rourke motioned to close the meeting at 7:57 pm and Lerchen seconded.
- Next meeting will be Monday, March 3 at 7 pm at The Regatta.