

VOM Arts Council Agenda
Monday, May 5, 2025
Regatta Conference Room at 123 Mamaroneck Avenue

1. Approve April Meeting Minutes
2. Afternoon with the Arts Recap
3. Poetry Pebbles and Poetry Post Recap
4. Random Acts of Art Updates
5. Partnership with LMC Media
6. Juneteenth
7. Summer Pop-Ups
8. July 4th Concert
9. Summer Concert with Emelin
10. Little Art Gallery
11. Open Items

Village of Mamaroneck Arts Council
Draft MEETING MINUTES
The Regatta Meeting Room
Monday, April 7, 2025

Attendees:

- Members: Cristina Lerchen, Katherine Graham, Elizabeth O'Rourke, Astrid Arias, Piper Stevens
- Volunteers: Larry Cohen, Joycemarie Washburn, Chari Allison, Jane Dorian, Solange DeSantis
- Trustee: Nora Lucas
- Guests: Adam Winski, Yaz Mendesuza

Opening Protocol:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by O'Rourke, seconded by Lerchen.
- Graham made a motion to approve March 2025 minutes. Stevens seconded the motion to approve.

VOM Code of Ethics

- C. Allison reviewed the VOM Code of Ethics presentation

Poetry Live! Recap

- Wonderful 24th Poetry Live! Performance - 65 MS and HS students each read their own original poem to a packed audience. Cheers to M. Kiriakou and J. Dorian for a smooth and successful show!
- J. Dorian is working with the Emelin to secure next year's date (late March or April).

Afternoon with the Arts

- For spring, O'Rourke has booked the Andrew Dolgon Brass Quintet for Saturday, April 26th from 4-5 pm.
- Contract timing is 3:30-5:30 so we have plenty of time for light set-up, pre-program bites and beverages, 60 min music program and clean-up.
- O'Rourke will coordinate with others to purchase light snacks and drinks (spend under \$100).
- Stevens will work on a flyer and marketing materials, including a registration link. Max capacity is 50 guests.
- Provide final flyer R. Ignacio, S. De Santis, A. Arias and J. Pinto for marketing within village digital email lists, St. Thomas and LMC.

Little Art Gallery

- M. Rutherford is leading the re-launch of the Little Art Gallery and is working on ideas for a mural to bring the visitors and interest to the gallery set in the Poetry Garden. There most likely will be a call to local visual artists to submit proposals for the mural within a certain theme (e.g. Arts in the Garden).

- Artwork has been refreshed for April and the materials are now being stored in a waterproof box below the gallery for a more polished, put-together presentation.

Random Acts of Art

- P. Stevens and E. O'Rourke met with J. Pinto and discussed the next 6 months of proposed Random Acts of Art. J. Pinto provided feedback and full support of the ideas, as well as noting some areas within some parks that may lend themselves to future activations (e.g. the new pier).
- The Poetry Post has been launched for April, allowing community members to select a poetry postcard, write a note and address the postcard to a family member or friend. The Arts Council will stamp and mail all properly addressed postcards.
 - Thank you to M. Rutherford for the gorgeous outwork on the Poetry Post board, as well as E. O'Rourke for curating 43 poems appealing to both children (for the school visits) and adults.
- For May, we will partner with Hugh Yeman, a local resident, who has been using chalk and a hand-crafted bamboo compass to create beautiful mandalas in various locations around the Town of Mamaroneck.
 - J. Pinto has approved mandalas being drawn in Florence Park, Warren Ave Park and Columbus Park.
 - P. Stevens will scope out potential locations for the mandalas (30ft x 30ft is preferable) within the approved parks and will coordinate with J. Pinto on specific drawing dates/location based on park activity and weather.

Summer Pop-ups – Motown & Funk

- 3 Concerts are all planned for Fridays in July with the following bands:
 - July 11 – Florence Park – Seeing Red
 - July 18 – Columbus Park – Good Vibrations
 - July 25 – Florence Park – The Saints
- A Council member will need to fill out the Concert Contracts (C. Allison will speak with J. Sable-Friedman to coordinate and review the plug-and-play contract).
- P. Stevens will start to create promotional signage.

July 4 Harbor Island Concert

- Pragmatech was approved by the BOT for the July 4th concert. S. DeSantis will reach out to Pragmatech for pre-concert discussions and planning.

Emelin Summer Concerts

- One evening concert will be August 6 at Harbor Island (rain date is the following Thursday). Rubix Cube has been selected as the performing band – they play broadly-appealing 80's music.

Poetry Pebbles

- Arts Council will partner with the Mamaroneck Library to host a Poetry Pebbles event again on April 28 from 3:30-4:30.
- Lerchen and O'Rourke will work through the supply list and what we have versus what is needed.
- Stevens will start to promote on Social Media later this week – we will include the library on the post so they can also re-post.

Juneteenth

- Arts Council confirmed Van Ranst PI will be shutdown on Thurs, June 19 for the program.
- A great program is coming together for Thursday, June 19 in Columbus Park. Activities include a jazz program with Wayne Henderson, a refresh of the Black Lives Matter mural painting, reading of Melba and Her Big Trombone with a related trombone craft.
- A presentation from REALM is tbd – M. Kiriakou will follow-up.

Closing Protocol:

- O'Rourke motioned to close the meeting at 8:29 pm and Lerchen seconded.
- Next meeting will be Monday, May 5 at 7 pm at The Regatta.