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VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015 – 7:00P.M.
The Regatta Conference Room

1. Meeting called to order.
 - i. The meeting of the Arts Council was called to order by De Santis at 7:06 PM.

2. The following members were present:
 - i. Joycemarie Washburn; Robin Campbell, Chari Allison, Emily Marshall, Chair Solange De Santis, Trustee and Liaison: Dave Finch
 - ii. Absent: Secretary Barbara Weiss, Michael Rosenbaum
 - iii. Guests: Jane Dorian, Melissa Moak

3. Approval of minutes:
 - i. With the secretary away, approval of July minutes is postponed. De Santis and Dorian are taking the minutes of the August meeting. "Visioning" postponed to September meeting.

4. Summer Nights on the Sound post-mortem Project Chairs: Solange/Chari
 - i. St Thomas Orchestra-July 4th. General consensus that STO "never sounded better" and audience numbers for the third annual July 4 concert greatly exceeded expectations. The Soundettes did an excellent opening with the Star Spangled Banner. New sound/stage vendor Pragmatech provided a larger stage, which worked well, and the sound was also good.
 - ii. STO exceeded budget by \$500 in order to pay top-notch section leaders. Rest of orchestra volunteers. Motion to make up the overage from Council's reserves – moved by Allison, seconded by Campbell, approved. General discussion that the July 4 orchestra cost should probably be raised to \$2,500 from the current \$2,000.
 - iii. At the four Sunday night concerts at the bandshell, attendance was generally lower than last year. There were no postponements due to weather but extremely hot, humid weather may have held down the numbers. There was good feedback on the bands.
 - iv. Next year, the large banner that is usually posted at the park entrance will have to be redesigned. Parks & Rec appears to have misplaced the Arts Council identification banner. Ordering a new banner was approved. Finch said the new wayfinding project will help connect to such events. There was general discussion that the Council and the Village need a professional communicator to handle publicity and media coverage.
 - v. Sponsorship efforts successful – Sarah Neuman donated \$500, DeRosa family returned as \$2,500 sponsor.

5. Finance update - \$5,739 in operating account, \$28,589 in reserves. T-shirt sales have also been added to reserves.

6. Dance in August update Chairs: Washburn/Marshall
 - i. Joycemarie reported that the first film at the library was shown, to a small audience given the August afternoon date. Emily reported that Dance Cavise has pulled out of the live performance as an opener and she is approaching the Fred Astaire studio to see if

they are interested. Tequila Sunrise restaurant will sell tapas at the August 30 event. The Hispanic Resource Center has the bilingual flyers and LMC-TV has been contracted to film and broadcast the performance.

- ii. The films: Saturday, Aug. 8 - "Joffrey; Mavericks of American Dance," Saturday, Aug. 22 - "Fosse", Saturday, Aug. 29 - "Flamenco Carmen" by Carlos Saura
7. Poetry plaque update Chairs: Rosenbaum/Weiss
 - i. Chari spoke with Barbara. They have measured the grates where the plaques will be placed. The best way to adhere them is through the openings. Barbara was to send a picture of the grate to the plaque vendor, then we can give them a purchase order. Solange noted that Oct. 7 is Mary Louise Cox's birthday, which might be a good time to unveil the plaque with her poetry.
 8. Sculpture update Chairs: Rosenbaum/Finch
 - i. Approved by board of trustees, next steps lie with village manager, DPW, etc. Concrete pad needs to be installed and sculpture moved to display location on the grassy area in front of the police department.
 9. Mural project Chairs: Rosenbaum/Campbell
 - i. General discussion of the materials that may be needed for the mural project and budget figures, such as Coroplast sheets that cost \$110 for eight sheets. Materials can be obtained at Home Depot. Robin will investigate various materials and costs, in collaboration with the art department at Rye Neck High School. Methods and cost of hanging the artwork on the upper tier of the parking lot across from the police station also need to be investigated.
 - 10 Spooktacular
 - i. De Santis noted that the Chamber of Commerce's Halloween event, the Spooktacular (this year - Oct. 25, 2015) has become a major event and the Arts Council might want to consider participating. General discussion and consensus that the most appropriate place would be an arts & crafts table among other tables at Harbor Island Park, promoting the Arts Council. Suggested crafts were decorating masks, coloring, making shadow boxes and decorating trick-or-treat bags.
 11. Other business
 - i. Poetry Live! will take place on Sunday, April 24, 2016.
 11. Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made by Campbell, seconded by Allison, approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.