

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 – 7:00P.M.
Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Ave.

1. Members and guests:
 - i. Members present: Robin Campbell, Jane Dorian, Jacqueline Meier, Solange De Santis, Michael Rosenbaum; Trustee and BOT Liaison, David Finch
 - ii. Members absent: Emily Marshall; Roberta Safire
 - iii. Guests: Joycemarie Washburn, Melissa Moak, Chamber Member and Wells Fargo banker, Alvin Mc Laughlin

2. Meeting called to order
 - i. The meeting of the Arts Council was called to order by De Santis at 7:08 PM.

3. Election of officers.
 - i. Campbell nominated De Santis for Chairperson; Dorian seconded; All in favor.
 - ii. Dorian nominated Meier for Vice Chairperson; De Santis seconded; All in favor.
 - iii. De Santis nominated Dorian for Secretary; Campbell seconded; All in favor.

4. Approval of minutes
 - i. De Santis moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting, Campbell seconded. All voted in favor.

5. Welcome of new members and guests
 - i. The Council welcomed back Jane Dorian after a year hiatus. De Santis introduced Alvin Mc Laughlin of Wells Fargo. Mr. Mc Laughlin is an avid theater-goer and loves acting, mentoring students for the stage, and supporting local communities in their arts endeavors. De Santis summarized the Council's involvement with theater projects.

6. Poetry Live: Chairs: Dorian/De Santis
 - i. Dorian reported on Poetry Live; the same five schools as last year will be participating, with the possibility of a new school, Ursuline Academy in New Rochelle. Dorian asked for ideas to promote the 15th anniversary of Poetry Live and one teacher from Fox Lane may be able to arrange for a local poet to speak to the students at the celebration on April 24. Dorian also asked for suggestions on gifts to get the teachers: books, gift cards, or poetry magazines. De Santis reported that Mary Louise has been reappointed Poet Laureate of the Town of Mamaroneck. The Town has a poem read at the beginning of each Board meeting and Mary Louise Cox is to read one on January 20 or February 3. De Santis also reported that the Arts Council received a \$350 Poetry Grant from Mary Louise Cox and the Westchester Poetry Fund to be used for a poetry project in the community.
 - ii. Café Mozart will be sponsoring a poetry reading in the evening on April 22 or 23. Council members suggested other sites for poetry readings, such as Barley's, and perhaps a poetry writing session.

- iii. De Santis suggested a Poetry Weekend in April with a “poetry walk” called “Poetry on the Avenue” featuring poems displayed in store windows and perhaps poems and art to complement each other.
7. Mural Project
- i. The Council members are researching possible sites for murals. De Santis and Meier will look into the industrial area of Mamaroneck for appropriate buildings. Trustee Finch showed members photos of Wynwood Walls, a mural project in Miami, FL. Washburn shared an article from 1981 on murals on walls in Mamaroneck. Campbell and Allison will work on the mural project.
8. Pop-Up Art Show
- i. The Council wants to support the work of Rye Neck High School art students and the idea of a pop-up art show in an available store front was discussed. Karen, art teacher from Rye Neck, suggested April and members considered a 4 day weekend event at the end of April or at the end of March into the beginning of April. Rosenbaum will call to see what vacant storefronts or buildings are available.
9. Sculpture update
- i. Rosenbaum asked whether the Council could spend \$5,000 to \$10,000 to move additional sculptures by Ernest Shaw to the Village. Finch recommended scheduling the unveiling ceremony for the present sculpture in the spring and then building on that in terms of considering additional sculptures. Rosenbaum said that Shaw would probably be available to come to Mamaroneck for the unveiling. May was mentioned as an appropriate month.
 - ii. Rosenbaum suggested sidewalk paintings by students; De Santis asked him to research the issue.
11. Budget process
- i. De Santis outlined the budget process and said that some donations are also added to the budget. For each program, the member in charge has to research the program cost and two to three people are needed on a project.
12. Summer Nights on the Sound
- i. De Santis stated that the next meeting will be on February 10 and it will be a Listening Party with refreshments. The goal is to listen to potential bands for Summer Nights on the Sound. The Council seeks a diverse line up with a variety of genre.
13. Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made by Campbell, seconded by Meier, approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.