

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK ARTS COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2016 – 7:00P.M.  
Village Hall Conference Room, 123 Mamaroneck Ave.

1. Members and guests:
  - i. Members present: Robin Campbell, Jane Dorian, Emily Marshall, Jacqueline Meier, Solange De Santis, Michael Rosenbaum, Roberta Safire, Trustee and BOT Liaison, David Finch
  - ii. Guests: Joycemarie Washburn, Melissa Moak, Chari Allison
2. Meeting called to order
  - i. The meeting of the Arts Council was called to order by De Santis at 7:07 PM.
3. Approval of minutes
  - i. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Safire seconded. All voted in favor.
4. Welcome of new member
  - i. The Council welcomed Roberta Safire, and gave her a Village Arts Council tee shirt.
5. Poetry Live: Chairs: Dorian/De Santis
  - i. Dorian reported on Poetry Live and mentioned possible gifts for the teachers who participate. Date of the celebration is April 24. De Santis reported that Mary Louise has been reappointed Poet Laureate of the Town of Mamaroneck and she will read a poem before the Town meeting on February 17 at 8 PM. De Santis invited Council members to attend.
  - ii. Café Mozart will be sponsoring a poetry reading in the evening on April 22 or 23. Barlee's has agreed to host a poetry reading on Monday, April 25.
  - iii. Members discussed the idea of a Poetry Garden or wall in order to make poetry more visible and accessible in the Village. Rosenbaum and De Santis will work on this project.
6. Mural project
  - i. The Council members are researching possible sites for murals and De Santis reported that she and Meier toured the industrial area of Mamaroneck for appropriate buildings. They also went to the Industrial Advisory Committee meeting. Jackie will draft a proposal and will make calls to check on possible buildings in the industrial section of the Village. Campbell, Allison, and Meier will look at websites and mural projects in neighboring towns such as New Rochelle and Yonkers.
  - ii. Allison suggested hiring a muralist to paint a mural in the Village with students to help and be involved.

7. Pop-Up art show
  - i. Rosenbaum reported on the search for vacant stores willing to give the Council access to sponsor a pop-up art show to showcase high school student art. He said that no Village vacant stores were willing to provide free space.
  - ii. De Santis reported that Laura Bott of the Bott Shoppe on Mamaroneck Avenue would be willing to provide some space in her 960 square feet store and she would love to host an art event.
  - iii. Allison spoke against the Pop-up Art project. She said there were many art shows coming up in the spring and teachers have curriculums they follow leaving little time to design art projects for an art show. Robin will call Rye Neck to tell the teacher involved that we will not be doing the mural project or Pop-up this spring, but we definitely want to support student art in the future.
  
8. Art lectures and other ideas
  - i. Meier proposed the idea of sponsoring art lectures for the community, perhaps with slide shows to take place at the library.
  - ii. De Santis started an Idea Bank with several ideas discussed:
    - Poetry and art event (Campbell)
    - Studio tour (Meier)
    - Poetry garden and /or wall (all)
    - Lecture series (Meier/Washburn)
    - Movies at library (Meier/Washburn)
  
9. Summer Nights on the Sound
  - i. De Santis discussed the budget for the summer concerts and for the special concert on July 4. The Council agreed to invite St. Thomas Orchestra to perform on July 4 and agreed on a fee of \$2900.
  - ii. Council members listened to various bands on websites to choose bands for summer concerts. Bands were chosen with an alternative in case one band is not available:
    - July 10 (Latino) – Willie Martinez & family Sextet; OR SUNY Purchase Latin Jazz Orchestra
    - July 17 (Tribute band) – Studio Two (Beatles); OR Back to the Garden (Woodstock) OR Chain of Fools (Motown)
    - July 24 (Rock/blues) – Soul'D Again; OR Funky Blue Project
    - July 31 (Big band) – Bensen-Scott Big Band; OR Ed Palermo Band

Note: August 14, 21 are rain dates. August 7 is Family Fun Night.
  
10. Adjournment: motion to adjourn was made by Campbell, seconded by De Santis, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.