

**NY STATE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE  
ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
2-16-16**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM BY CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO. THE PLEDGE AND OPENING PRAYER WERE SAID AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD. THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT

C RERES STATE PRES.

L GALLO

K WILSON

J VALLONE

J GAGLIARDO

J COHEN

V MARMORALE

THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE ALL EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACC WITH CORRECTIONS.

THE MORGAN STANLEY ACCOUNTS AND SAVING ACCOUNTS WILL STAY AS IS AS PER LOU GALLO UNDER THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. JOE CARINO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE NEEDED INFO FRO TAXES AND ALL CHECKS WRITTEN HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED.

**PACKET REVIEW**

K WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER JOE V AND THIS WAS SEC BY JENA GAGLIARDO AND PASSED.

**BUDGET**

LOU REVIEWED THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2016-17 AND SOME CLARIFICATIONS WERE NEEDED. AFTER DISCUSSION MOTION WAS MADE TO PRESENT TO THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT PLENARY FOR APPROVALS. SEC AND PASSED.

TONY CORSELLO HAS REQUESTED 75 RED BOOKS FOR THEIR USE AND LOU WILL SUPPLY. STATE PRES CAROLYN RERES SUGGESTED THAT SHE WILL BRING TO THE NY GL FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE FUNDING OF THIS PURCHASE.

**JANUARY PACKET REVIEW**

LOU REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE JANUARY PACKET:

DIST 1 COLUMBUS DAY PETITIONS

ESSAY CONTEST

DIST 2 TEACHERS PROJECT BY JEAN G

DIST 2 MINUTES FROM THEIR LASTEST MEETING AS WELL.

**TEACHERS PROJECT**

JEAN G REVIEWS AND SHOWS HOW THIS IS IN LINE WITH COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY AND TRYING TO FOSTER CULTURE AND HERITAGE. SHE WILL WORK WITH GRACE FERRARA ON THIS AND TAKE STATEWIDE IF POSSIBLE. CHILDRENS ENTERTAINER IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED AS WELL.

THE DIST 2 LIASONS ALSO SENT LETTERS FOR THE COLORADO LEG TO VOICE OPPOSTION AGAINST THE BILL TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY NAME. JEAN WILL IS ASKING ALL LODGES IN APRIL TO NAME AN ACTIVE LIASON FOR THE DIST CSJ COMMITTEE.

**DIST 3**

LOU REPORTS THAT FRANK CICERO AND CARL CIACCIO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO NYPD FORUM WITH COJO ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMUNITY.

**DIST 5**

LOU GALLO ATTENDED THE ROCKLAND LODGE MTG FOR CSJ SUSAN ALICEA WILL BE WORKING THRU THE PRES COUNCIL AND LOU APPROVES.

**DIST 6**

THIS IS BEING REORGANIZED UNDER CESAR MANNCCIA AND HE WILL UPDATE LOU.

**DIST 7**

C FEDERICO PASSED ON TO LOU An ARTICLE ON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY W COLUMBUS DAY DEBATE. BRIAN LANE IS DOING A GREAT JOB IN DIST 7 UNDER THE DUKES LODGE. SILVANO ORSI IS ALSO WORKIN HARD WITH THE LITTLE ITALY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. AND RADIO ADS AS WELL WITH GREAT STATION UP THERE.

**DIST 8**

MARGE FOCARAZZO IS WORKING ON CULTURAL ESSAY CONTEST AS WELL AND SHE REFERRED LOU TO DR RUBES EMAIL ON VIDEO BY MIKE MARSOCCI.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT**

LOU GALLO REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

HE HAS LOOKED INTO NEWSPAPER ADS TO FIGHT BIAS AND THEY ARE EXPENSIVE. THE CAPONE BOOK IS STILL BEING USED IN NY C SCHOOLS CURRICULUM AND JOHN FRATTA HAS BEEN MONITORING. CHANCELLOR WILL NOT MEET WITH US AS REQUESTED.

**COLORADO ISSUE**

CSJ AND THEIR GRAND LODGE ARE DOING A GREAT JOB FIGHTING THE NAME CHANGE. BILL IS SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF COMMITTEE 3-7-16 FOR FLOOR DEBATE. BRWON UNIVERSITY IS TRYING TO CHANGE AS WELL.

**FRIENDS AND ROMANS**

THIS REFERS TO CHRIS KOBLAN AS WRITER AND CODIRECTOR ABOUT STOPPING NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES IN MOVIES AND THE MEDIA.

LOU ALSO REFERENCES A NYC TRANSIT LETTER ON WOPTIME SLUR CARD OUT THERE.

**OLDFELLAS**

AGING MOBSTER AARP PRODUCTION DEC 2015 VERY OFFENSIVE IN THEIR RECENT PERIODICAL.

**LETTERS**

CSJ WILL SEND CONGRATULATIONS LETTERS TO R SAVINO, Y BERRA FAMILY AND JOE TUSIANNIN ON POET LAUREATE APPOINTMENTS.

**SACCO AND VANZETTI**

LOU REFERENCES A FILM OUT THERE THAT PORTRAYS THEM AS INNOCENT MEN NOT MOBSTERS. LOU ALSO DISCUSSED THE PERLASCA LETTER ON PERMISSION TO KEEP USING FILM AS DUBBED. IT WAS REPORTED THAT TERRY TANZER HAS CONTACTED THE BBB OR LIKE GROUP TO SEE ABOUT STANDARDS OF THOSE BUSINESSES THAT INSULT ITALIANS. WE WILL GET UPDATE AT NEXT MEETING.

**OL LORETO**

LOU REFERENCES LETTER TO THE NEW AREA ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDHOW SHE MAY BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING. SOME WOULD LIKE THIS FACILITY TO BECOME THE BROWNSVILLE CULTURAL CENTER. WE WILL KEEP WATCHING.

**BENSONHURST DATING GAME:**

LOU HAD TERRY TANZER SEND A LETTER ABOUT THIS TO NAACP AND HAZEL DUKES AGAIN WE WILL AWAIT A RESPONSE.

**MEDAL OF HONOR:**

SAL M AND JANET G ARE STILL UPDATING. DISCUSSION AROSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAMS GETS DONATIONS FOR PRESENTING. MOST DO NOT THINK SO.

**3 TENORS:**

DIST 8 ITALIAN COMICS HAS BEEN RELEASED AS ADVERTISING WITH GOD FATHER IMAGE. ADS WILL BE CHANGED IN THE SPRING.

**COMMITEES**

**BRUNCH:**

J COHEN REPORTS TO DATE 170 ATTENDEES. KEITH GAVE JOURNAL UPDATE AND MONIES RECEIVED.

**JET BLUE**

LOU REPORTS THAT JET BLUE AIRLINES IS SHOWING JERSEY SHORE ON THEIR TV IN SEATS THAT PEOPLE WATCH WHILE TRAVELING.

**SICILIAN GIRL**

A COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE WATCHED THIS MOVIE ON JAN 31 NAD DID NOT FIND IT OFFENSIVE BUT RECOMMENDS THAT IT NOT BE SHOWN OCT DURING HERITAGE MONTH.

LOU HAS A MAN NAMED PAT MORELLI WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH US FOR CSJ TO LEARN TO BETTER FIGHT BIAS AND BIGOTRY.

**BUSINESS CARDS**

LOU WOULD LIKE TO GET BUSINESS CARDS FOR HIMSELF AS CHAIR AND CAROLYN WILL LET HIM KNOW IF APPROVED.

**MEDAL OF HONOR TAPES**

K WILSON HAS GOTTEN SOME AND DISTRIBUTED FROM STORAGE AS WELL AS JOE RONDINELLI WILL CONVERT FOR US TO DVD ALSO. WE GAVE SOME OUT AT FARMINGDALE LIBRARY. LOU ALSO HAS A LIST OF MOVIES HE REVIEWED FOR CULTURE AND PROMOTION AND WANTS TO GET THESE OUT TO THE LOCAL LODGES.

V MARMORALE UPDATED ALL PRESENT ON HIS MOVIE MY ITALIAN SECRET.WEBSITE AND LESSON PLANS HAVE ALL BEEN UPDATED AS WELL

MEETING CLOSED AT 10:15 PM BY L GALLO.

NEXT MEETING

APRIL 12 AT HICKSVILLE CC

KEITH WILSON

SECRETARY

ATTACHMENTS

