

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
GRAND LODGE OFFICE  
7-12-2016**

THE CSJ BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:15 PM BY CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO. THE PRAYER WAS SAID AND THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

**ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT**

C RERES STATE PRES

L GALLO

J VALLONE

K WILSON

J GAGLIARDO

J COHEN

T CORSELLO

T ADAMO

ALL OTHERS WERE ABSENT OR EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.

**TREASURY REPORT:**

J VALLONE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT BALANCE AVAILABLE TO CSJ \$20,929.03

LOU ASKS FOR MOTION FOR \$89.94 FOR POST CARDS AND POSTAGE TO PAY FOR MAILING ABOUT OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH INFO DISTRIBUTION. REQUESTED FROM MARIO TOGLIO. JOE VALLONE MENTIONS THA HE SENT JOE CARRINO THE CSJ INFO FOR TAXES AND RETURNS AND HENEVER RECEIVED IT BY US MAIL. GINA FERRARA WILL EMAIL THE SAME INFO AS NEEDED. MOVE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER REPORT BY KEITH WILSON. SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO AND PASSED.

**FS REPORT:**

J GROVE WAS EXCUSED AND HER REPORT WAS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA. THE REPORT REFLECTS THE CURRENT ACTIVITY AND MORE DETAIL WILL BE PUT IN FOOTNOTE FORM FOR THE NEXT MEETING. QUESTION AROSE ABOUT PUBLIC RELATIONS LINE ITEM AND EXPENSE. WE WILL HAVE MORE DETAIL IN FUTURE REPORTS AS FOOTNOTES. MOTION BY J COHEN TO ACCEPT SECONDED BY J GAGLIARDO AND PASSED.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

**LOU GALLO REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**CANNOLI SHOW:**

LOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AFTER THIS SHOW AS IT DEPICTS A FAMILY WITH A BAKERY IN LITTLE ITALY WITH HOOD NAMES LIKE TONYO TORTELLINI AND OTHERS. HE EMAILED THE PRODUCERS ABOUT REMOVING MOB REFERENCES. HE IS AWAITING THE REPLY.

**PERLASCA FILMS:**

LOU SPOKE WITH ANNA MARIE MONACO ABOUT THE FILM AND TRANSLATION OF AND THERE IS NO NEWS FROM RYE CORP ABOUT THIS AS YET.

**ANTI BIAS SEMINAR:**

LOU HAS ASKED ALL TO SET ASIDE AUG 20 FOR A MEETING WITH PATRICK MORELLI ON HOW TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO NEGATIVE ATTACKS ON ITALIAN AMERICANS. WE WILL MEET IN NYC AND WE WILL PAY FOR HIS TRAVEL EXPENSES.

**COLORADO ISSUE:**

LOU MENTIONS THAT THERE IS A NEW GROUP THAT WILL BE FORMED TO PRESERVE THE ITALIAN HOLIDAY FOR FUTURE YEARS TO COME. HE WILL MONITOR THE SITUATION AND REPORT BACK.

**TOURS:**

LOU HANDED OUT AS AGENDA ITEM A TOUR ITINERARY OF NYC CULTURAL AREAS AND THE PACKAGE PRICE AND WHAT'S INCLUDED. STATE PRESIDENT CAROLYN WILL DETERMINE WHICH COMMITTEES CAN WORK ON THIS TOGETHER AND ADVISE LOU OF THE DETERMINATION AND HOW TO BEST HANDLE.

**SICILIAN VAMPIRE:**

FRANK D'ANGELO HAS PRODUCED A MOVIE ABOUT A BAT BITING AN ITALIAN MOB BOSS AND HE TRIES TO MAKE UP FOR HIS FAMILIES MISDEEDS. LOU SENT LETTER ASKING FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION ON THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT.

**POET LAUREATE:**

LOU REFERENCES LETTER THAT HE RECEIVED FROM JOE TUSSANI ABOUT HIS BEING THE NYS POET LAUREATE AND HIS APPRECIATION ON LOU'S CONGRATULATORY LETTER.

**YOGI BERRA LETTER:**

LOU REFERENCES LETTER IN PACKET THAT ADDRESSES THE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOGI BERRA MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER ON HIS BEING HONORED WITH THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARD.

**SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS:**

LOU UPDATED THE BOARD WITH FOLLOWING INFO ON THIS TOPIC: WE NOW HAVE AN ALLY ON THE BOARD NAMED JIM MCKENNA AND HE WANTS TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION TO LEAVE THE HOLIDAY AS IS AND NOT CHANGE THE NAME ON NEXT YEARS SCHOOL CALENDAR. HE THEN WANTS TO GET A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND DISCUSS THIS AMICABLY AND COME TO A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AN ONLINE PETITION HAS BEEN CREATED TO KEEP CSJ IMAGE OUT THERE ON THIS ALSO. JOAN TUTT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS MATTER FOR LOU IN THE AREA.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH:**

NIA WOULD LIKE TO FORM COALITION ON THIS AND HAVE ALL LIKE GROUPS UNDER THEIR NAME WORKING TOGETHER ON THE SAVINGS OF THE CHURCH. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE THE LEAD GROUP AS THEY ARE A 501 C3 AND CAN WORK TO DEVELOP THE CHURCH TO BE A CULTURAL CENTER. LOU HAS SENT LETTERS TO ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER AND HE HOPES FOR FUTURE SUPPORT FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER. LOU ALSO REFERENCES LETTER FROM FLAVIA ALAYA ON ARCHITECTURAL WORK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER. THE BROOKLYN DIOCESE HAS REQUESTED A DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR THIS FACILITY AND IT HAS YET TO BE ISSUED. THERE WILL BE A MEETING THIS FRIDAY WITH MSGR. CASSATA AND OTHERS ON THE SAVING OF THE FACILITY.

**ITALIAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS:**

LOU ASKED THE STATE PRESIDENT TO CLARIFY WHAT THE ROLE IS WITH THE ITALIAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THEM. CAROLYN SAID THAT SEN DAVID CARLUCCI HAS REACHED OUT TO THE SONS OF ITALY AND WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH US AND LIKE WITH OUR UPCOMING STUDENT SUMMIT AND OTHER PROGRAMS LIKE CALANDRA INSTITUTE. CAROLYN GOT A RECENT EMAIL FROM CARLUCCI OFFICE TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE AS WELL AS INFORMING US THAT THE CAUCUS HAS 2 \$2500.00 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ANNUALLY TO STUDENTS. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR MEMBERS AWARE OF THIS. THAT IS WHERE THIS RELATIONSHIP IS AT THIS POINT.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**

KEITH WILSON REFERENCED A PROPOSAL THAT HE PUT TOGETHER ON LOU'S REQUEST ABOUT A SUB COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND ISSUES ADVOCACY THAT WOULD BE MORE LIKE A LOBBYING COMMITTEE TO WORK ON ACTION ITEMS THAT ARISE AND MAY NEED ATTENTION FROM ELECTEDS AND RESPONSES IN A TIMELY FASHION. WE COULD ALSO HOST A BI ANNUAL FULL RALLY DAY IN ALBANY TO KEEP ITALIAN AMERICANS IN NYS TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES. CAROLYN ASKED KEITH FOR A COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL AND HE WILL SEND TO HER ASAP. SHE WILL LOOK OVER AND ADVISE AFTER DISCUSSION IN RELATION AND CAN CSJ DO THIS.

**LIVE STREAMING:**

LOU SAYS THAT HE WILL BE GETTING VERY ACTIVE WITH GETTING CSJ ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND UPDATES AS NEEDED. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE GET LUIGI SQUILLANTE INVOLVED WITH THIS ENDEAVOR. LOU WILL TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT.

**LIBRARIES**

JEAN GAGLIARDO MAILED TO ALL DIST 2 LIBRARIES ABOUT HAVING A DISPLAY FOR OCTOBER. THEY WILL RESPOND TO LOU WHEN DECIDING WHAT TO DO. LIZ RIZZO DID THE SAME FOR DIST 1 AS WELL. SOME OTHER AREA LIBRARIES ALSO RECEIVED THIS AS WELL. LIZ IS ALSO MONITORING TEXTBOOKS AS WELL.

LOU WILL HOLD A DISTRICT 7 CSJ MEETING THE WEEKEND OF THE PLENARY SESSION.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 PM BY L GALLO.

NEXT MEETING 8-09-2016 AT GRAND LODGE OFFICE. 7:30 PM

**MINUTES ATTESTED TO:**

**KEITH WILSON  
REC SECTY  
CSJ EXEC BOARD  
ATTACHMENTS**

