

**MINUTES OF MEETING
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GRAND LODGE OFFICE
8-09-2016**

CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM WITH THE PRAYERS AND PLEDGE RECITED.

THE ROLL CALL WAS HELD AND THE FOLLOWING WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

**L GALLO
J VALLONE
K WILSON
J GROVE
V MARMORALE
T ADAMO
T HAMMERLE
J GAGLIARDO
C LUCIE
R DICHIARA
L RIZZO**

2 LIASONS FROM DIST 2 ALSO ATTENDED THAT BEING MARYANN RISPOLI AND DR. LOU PISANI. DR PISANI IS THE NEW LIASON FOR CELLINI. LOU ANNOUNCED OUR 2 GUESTS AND WELCOMED ALL TO ATTEND IF THEY LIKE.

MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

TREASURY:

JOE VALLONE REVIEWED HIS REPORT. WE HAVE SOLD 120 TEE SHIRTS TO DATE AND HAVE 80 LEFT TO SELL. WE ARE IN THE BLACK SO FAR FOR THE SHIRTS. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT SECONDED BY C LUCIE AND PASSED.

FS REPORT:

J GROVE GAVE THE FS REPORT. CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED FOR THE FS REPORT FOR DIST VS. EXEC BOARD FUNDS. SHE WILL ALSO ADD FOOTNOTES FOR EXPLANATIONS FOR VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE FUTURE. ALL ELSE WAS IN ORDER. JEAN GAGLIARDO MOVES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND SECONDED BY V. MARMORALE AND PASSED.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

LOU GALLO REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

TRAINING:

THE PAT MORELLI TRAINING HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE HAD MAJOR SURGERY AND WILL HOLD BIAS TRAINING CLASS IN SEPTEMBER. THIS ENTAILS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA.

SUPPLIES AND PRINTING:

LOU REPORTS THAT ROE DICHIARA WILL BE ORDERING TO REPLENISH SOME OF OUR BOOKMARKS AND SUPPLIES. ROE REPORTS THAT SHE ASKED SAL MOSCHELLA TO SEND HER VIA EMAIL THE PDF FOR CERTAIN FILES AND ITEMS THAT WILL BE PRINTED. JOHN JUTT IS THE PRINTER FOR MOST OF OUR STUFF AND ROE HAD ANOTHER BID BUT JOHN WAS CHEAPER. TINA ASKED IF WE STILL HAVE THE CHILD FRIENDLY BOOKMARKS THAT WE USED TO. ROE WILL LOOK INTO. LOU ALSO SAID THAT THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALSO WANTS OUR LITERATURE AS WELL. WE WILL SHIP WHEN WE CAN. VINCE MARMORALE ASKS ABOUT A BOOKMARK FOR FILM MY ITALIAN SECRET. LOU STATES THAT HE WANTS TO HOLD OFF UNTIL WE GET FIRST ORDER COMPLETED. VINCE WILL PUT SOMETHING IN WRITING IN THE EVENT THAT WE PURSUE.

PODCAST:

LOU REPORTS THAT STATE TRUSTEE TOM LIPUMA FROM DIST 5 HAS TOLD HIM ABOUT A PODCAST FOR ITALIAN PROMOTION AND HE WILL TRY TO GET ON THIS SHOW AS CSJ CHAIRMAN. THIS WILL COME FROM SUFFERN NY AS IT MOVES ALONG.

OL OF LORETO, BROOKLYN:

LOU REPORTS THAT THE BROOKLYN DIOCESE HAS FILED FOR A DEMOLITION PERMIT ENABLING THE BROOKLYN DIOCESE TO DEMOLISH THIS FACILITY AND ERECT SENIOR HOUSING ON THIS AREA. MANY ARE OPPOSED AND GROUPS HAVE MOBILIZED FOR THIS REASON. LATRICE WALKER THE NYS ASSEMBLYPERSON HAS BEEN INVOLVED. 532 NAMES WERE SUBMITTED BY PETITION FOR THE SAVING OF THE FACILITY TO THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN AND BISHOP DIMARZIO, WHO LOU REPORTS HAS NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE AT ALL. TINA RECOMMENDS CONTINUING THE MOBILIZATION OF COMMUNITY GROUPS AND KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON THE DIOCESE. DR MARIO TOGLIA PRESENTED A FULL PACKAGE PRESENTATION FOR THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND NO RESPONSE WAS GIVEN. LOU ALSO SPOKE WITH JOE SCIAME ABOUT THIS MATTER AND ASKED HIM TO SPEAK WITH BISHOP DIMARZIO. KEITH MADE A SUGGESTION FOR SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VISIT THE BISHOPS OFFICE AND LAY OUT OUR PLANS FOR THE SAVING OF THE CHURCH IF THIS CAN HAPPEN. CHARLIE LUCIE SUGGESTS THAT PEOPLE IN THE AREA BE CONTACTED AS WELL FOR SUPPORT AS THE FACILITY HAS NO MORE WINDOWS AND IS NOW BOARDED UP. ALL THE CHURCH ITEMS ARE IN STORAGE IN STATEN ISLAND. SOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE BISHOP IS AN ITALIAN AMERICAN AND NOT RESPONDING TO OUR NEEDS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

SOUTHAMPTON SD:

THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS DECIDED TO ADDRESS THIS IN THE SPRING FOR THE 17-18 CALENDAR AND NOT NOW. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE WORKING ON THIS FOR US AND KEEPING THE ISSUE AT BAY AND LOOKING OUT FOR ANY NEW ITEMS THAT MAY OCCUR ON THIS MATTER. DISCUSSION AMONG COMMITTEE INCLUDED THE WAY THE INDIANS BEHAVE OUT THERE AND LIVE ON THE RESERVATION AS NOT BEING VERY REPUTABLE. THEY ALSO TRY TO INTIMIDATE THE STORE KEEPERS OUT THERE AS WELL. THE CURRENT BOARD PRESIDENT IS A MEMBER OF THE SHINNECOCK RESERVATION. VINCE MARMORALE SUGGESTS THAT ALL READ THE BOOK THE NEW TRAIL OF TEARS ON INDIAN LIFE AND BEHAVIOR. THE ITALIAN LEGISLATORS ARE ALL ON BOARD WITH THIS ISSUE AND ARE ON OUR SIDE FOR LEAVING COLUMBUS DAY INTACT. LOU ALSO REPORTS THAT THEIR "POW WOW" IS UPCOMING AND MANY ARE AFRAID TO APPROACH THEM WHILE THIS IS IN SESSION.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES:

THE CITY PASSED A BILL TO HAVE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND DID NOT EXPRESSLY STATE WHERE THEY WOULD PUT IT ON THE CALENDAR. SOME PROPOSED THE 4TH FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER AND IT DID NOT PASS. WE WILL WATCH CLOSELY. THE STATE OF MONTANA REP BRIDGET SMITH HAS ALSO PROPOSED THE SAME FOR THAT STATE AND WHEN THE LEGISLATURE RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER THEY WILL TAKE THIS UP. THE NATIONAL CSJ PRESIDENT KEVIN CAIRA HAS SENT A LETTER ASKING NOT TO CHANGE THE DAY AND OUTLINES SEVERAL REASONS WHY NOT TO DO.

TOURS:

LOU HAS FORWARDED TRIP INFO TO GRACE AND DIANA GRAUER FOR THE POSSIBLE RUNNING OF A TRIP TO VARIOUS PARTS OF NEW YORK TO SEE OUR HISTORY AND CULTURE. WE WILL PURSUE AS TIME GOES ALONG.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

LOU REPORTS TO THE BOARD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER USEFUL OUTLETS. AS TIME PASSES HE WILL LOOK INTO AND MOVE AHEAD. HE ASKED WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR ROE DICHIARA TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS.

ITALIAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS:

LOU REFERENCES THE PROPOSAL THAT KEITH WILSON DREW UP AT THE LAST MEETING AND SOME COMMENTED THAT WE USED TO DO THIS SOME TIME AGO IN ALBANY AS A CSJ COMMITTEE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PURSUED AS WELL. LOU ASKED KEITH TO FOLLOW UP WITH OUR STATE PRESIDENT ON THIS ISSUE.

HOFSTRA DAY:

LOU ASKED FOR ALL TO TRY AND COVER THIS DAY AT OUR TABLES FOR CSJ AND OTHER OSIA ENTITIES. WE WILL NEED HELP AT MEMBERSHIP CSJ GMM AND GIFT OF SITE. WE WILL ALSO GIVE OUT THE TUBES FOR POSTERS TO TEACHERS ALSO. DATE IS SEPT 18 11-5 PM. JOSEPHINE MAIETTA HAS NOT CONTACTED LOU ON THIS YET.

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:

5- LOU REPORTS FOR SUSAN ALICEA THAT ALL ARE PLEASED WITH LUIGI DELBIANCO BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE CHIEF CARVER OF MT. RUSHMORE.

7- LOU AND KEITH HELD CSJ LIASON MEETING AFTER PLENARY SESSION AT DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI LODGE AND 10 PEOPLE ATTENDED. LOU ATTACHED THE MINUTES FROM THAT MEETING TO THE AGENDA.

8- LOU WILL VIST DIST 8 THIS WEEKEND AND ATTEND EVENTS UP THERE WITH THOSE LODGES. THERE WILL BE A MULTI CULTURAL FESTIVAL UP THERE THIS WEEKEND AS WELL. HE WILL ALSO MEET WITH MARJORIE FOCCARAZZA THE NEW DIST 8 LIASON.

1-C LUCIE REPORTS THAT THE MADISONS FUNDRAISER WENT VERY WELL AND REALIZED \$1400.00 FOR CSJ. HE WILL GET THE WINNING ESSAYS ON THE CSJ WEBSITE WITH TERRY TANZER AND THE ESSAY CONTEST NEXT YEAR WILL BE MOVED TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

2-JEAN GAGLIARDO REPORTS THAT SHE WILL HAVE HER NEXT MEETING 8-11-2016 AT MARCO POLO LODGE 7:30 PM. VINCE MARMORALE WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER ON HIS MOVIE MY ITALIAN SECRET. SHE REVIEWED HER PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS DAY BEING PLANNED AND THE DIST 2 LIASONS WILL BE INVOLVED ALSO. VINCE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE FILM HAS BEEN EDITED DOWN TO 26 MINUTES FOR PREVIEW AND REVIEWS HAVE ALL BEEN POSITIVE.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS:

TOM ADAMO REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE HOLDING ITALIAN CLASSES AT FARMINGDALE AND LONG BEACH LIBRARIES. THIS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. SEE TOM FOR DETAILS.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 10:30 P.M.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY
ATTACHMENTS

