

**NEW YORK STATE GRAND LODGE
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
HICKSVILLE CC
9-13-2016**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 PM BY CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO.

THE PRAYER WAS RECITED BY C LUCIE

MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

L GALLO

K WILSON

J VALLONE

J GAGLIARDO

C LUCIE

R DICHARA

T CORSELLO

ALL OTHER MEMBERS WERE EITHER ABSENT OR EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ AND PRINTED

TREASURERS REPORT:

JOE VALLONE REPORTS THAT THE CURRENT BALANCE IS \$28,233.89

THE 3 DISTRICT CHAIRS AGREED TO THE TOTALS IN THEIR ACCOUNTS.

WE ARE NOW NETTING A PROFIT FOR THE TEE SHIRT PROGRAMS AND ALL LOOKS GOOD.

JOE ASKED FOR A MOTION TO REMOVE THE PREVIOUS FS ANDY FILANGERI FROM THE ACCOUNTS AND THIS WAS PASSED BY THE BOARD AFTER MOTION BY KEITH WILSON AND SECONDED BY JEAN GAGLIARDO AND PASSED. THE SIGNATORIES WILL BE JOE AND LOU ONLY.

JOE REPORTS THAT THE CONVENTION DONATIONS ARE IN TOTALING \$5,160.00 AND THIS HAS BEEN DEPOSITED. LOU ASKED JOE TO SET UP AN AUDIT WITH LUIGI SQUILLANTE AND THE TRUSTEES FOR EVERY OCTOBER. JOE WILL LOOK INTO FOR THE COMMITTEE.

KEITH WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURY REPORT SECONDED BY C LUCIE AND PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES:

LOU ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING APPROVALS FOR EXPENSES

- 20.00 FOR FEE FOR STATEN ISLAND FAIR TABLE
- 130.00 FOR HOFSTRA CONFERENCE
- 450.00 FOR COLUMBUS COSTUME TO BE USED FOR AT LEAST 6 EVENTS FOR HERITAGE MONTH IN OCT. KEITH W MOVES TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURES AND SECONDED BY JEAN GAGLIARDO AND PASSED

ROE DICHARA AND CHARLIE LUCIE SUGGESTS THAT WE TRY TO PURCHASE OUR OWN COLUMBUS COSTUME OR HAVE THE LADIES MAKING THE REGIONS DRESSES TRY TO MAKE ONE AS WELL. LOU WILL EXPLORE. LOU ALSO WILL BE CONTACTING SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS AND DO A COLUMBUS PRESENTATION OUT THERE.

COLUMBUS DAY PETITIONS:

LOU ADVISED THAT OUR PRESIDENT CAROLYN RERES SENT HIM THE PETITION FROM NATIONAL AND WE CAN NOW USE THEM FOR SAV COLUMBUS DAY. THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA.

NY POST:

LOU REFERENCES NEGATIVE ADS SENT TO HIM FROM LEIGH ANN LACK ABOUT THE MOB STORY. HE SENT A LETTER ASKING WHY THEY FELT THE NEED TO DO THIS STORY.

NEA ISSUE:

LOU G ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HAS LAUNCHED A PROJECT THAT WILL ASK EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTRY TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND WILL EXPEND \$57,500.00 ON THIS PROJECT. WE WILL MONITOR AS WE GO ALONG AND ADDRESS AT HOFSTRA AS WELL. THIS NEEDS TO BE COUNTERACTED.

CHARLIE HEBDO MAGAZINE:

LOU ADDRESSES THIS NATIONAL ISSUE AND FEELS THAT THE CAPTION WAS VERY OFFENSIVE TO ALL IN THE EARTHQUAKE. HE FEELS THIS WAS A LOW BLOW.

OYSTER BAY ISSUE

KEITH WILSON ADVISES THE BOARD THAT A RESIDENT AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HAS ISSUED FACEBOOK COMMENTS DEROGATORY TO ITALIAN AMERICANS AND FEELS THE NEED TO RESPOND FROM LOU AS OUR CHAIRMAN. THE COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT THE TOWN CLERK, SUPERVISOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS. WE WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY AND LOU WANTS TO SEE THE EXACT QUOTE.

MEUCCI CBS ITEM:

LOU REPORTS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO UPDATE ON TIM SCHELD AND CBS NEWS ON THE GMM AND INTERVIEWING MADELINE ABOUT THE TRUE INVENTOR OF THE TELEPHONE.

CASA ITALIANA:

LOU AND JOHN MANCINI WILL BE MEETING WITH SEN KEN LAVALLE ON OCT. 4 AND THE MISGUIDED PROGRAM NOT BEING DIRECTED TO ITALIAN ISSUES. THEY WILL TRY TO GET IT TO CHANGE.

MT RUSHMORE:

LOU TOLD THE BOARD THAT A DOCUMENTARY WILL BE HELD ON LUIGI DELBIANCO AND THE CARVING OF THE MT RUSHMORE PIECES AS WELL AS A PLAQUE BEING ERECTED IN HIS HONOR.

COLUMBIA TRANS ASSOC:

LOU HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP AND THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN THE WORD WOP OFF THE TIME CARDS. PROMOTIONS ARE NOT BEING GIVEN OUT FAIRLY AND MINORITIES ARE BEING TREATED BETTER THEN ITALIANS. A TEST CASE IS TO BE TRIED BY THEM TO SEE IF THIS FACTUAL.

OL LORETO:

LOU REPORTS THAT EFFORTS TO HAVE THE PERMIT TO DEMOLISH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND DENIED. THE COMMUNITY GROUPS WANT THIS FACILITY SAVED AND FEEL THAT IT IS AN ICON TO THE AREA. POSTCARDS AND PETITIONS WERE MAILED OUT AND THIS WAS A BIG HELP AS WELL. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AND TELEMUNDO AND CBS WERE PRESENT. THE LOCAL CITY COUNCILMAN RAFAEL ESPINAL JR IS NOT FOR SAVING THE CHURCH IN PRESENT FORM. MORE TO COME.

MORELLI MEDIA CLASS:

THIS HAS TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER AS DATES CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER.

RADIO

LOU WILL BE ON A LOCAL RADIO SHOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND HE WILL SPEAK ON CSJ ISSUES.

PERLASCA FILM

LOU SPOKE TO ANNA CAMPISI ON THE TRANSLATION OF THIS MOVIE TO ENGLISH. PALAMAR IS THE ASSOCIATE ON THE MOVIE AND NEEDS TO APPROVE THE TRANSLATION.

LOMBARDI LODGE:

LOU SENT A THANK YOU NOTE TO THIS LODGE FOR THE GREAT HOSPITALITY WHILE HE WAS UP THERE.

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:

- 1- C LUCIE REPORTS HIS NEXT MEETING IS THIS SATURDAY 9-17-2016 AND MOST OF THE DIST 1 LODGES NOW HAVE LIASONS. THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE NEXT ESSAY CONTEST. THE WINNING ESSAYS ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE CSJ.
- 2- J GAGLIARDO REPORTS THAT HER NEXT MEETING IS SEPT 29 AT MARCO POLO LODGE AND THEY WILL DISCUSS A CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BOOK AND OTHER SCHOOL RELATED ISSUES. SHE TOLD THE BOARD THAT AT THE LAST MEETIGN VINCE MARMORALE DFID A GREAT JOB AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. G VERDI LODGE HAS A NEW LIASON NAMED FRANCESCO FRASSA.

3 -T CORSELLO REPORTS THAT HIS NEXT MEETING IS SEPT 15 AT PERSEMPRE LODGE. TONY SAID THAT THE GROUP WILL BE WORKING WITH THE BROOKLYN AND NY ARCHDIOCESES ABOUT THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND PROMOTION IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

STORAGE/LITERATURE SHED:

ROE DICHIARA REVIEWED THE PRINT MATERIALS SHE HAS ORDERED AND SUPERIOR AND MINUTEMAN PRESS ARE THE CONTACTS. SHE HAS PREPARED A CD WITH ALLTHE PDF SAMPLES ON IT AS WELL TO GIVE TO LOU. THE MEDAL OF HONOR POSTERS WILL BE SMALLER AND THE BOOKMARKS WILL ALSO BE ORDERED FOR COLUMBUS. THE SHED HAS BEEN STRAIGHTENED OUT AS WELL. WE ALSO REVIEWED THE ENTERTAINMENT POSTER AS WELL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:05 PM BY L GALLO.
NEXT MEETING 10-11-2016 HICKSVILLE CC

MINUTES ATTESTED TO

**KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY**

ATTACHMENTS