

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
GRAND LODGE OFFICE
2-23-2017**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO.
THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

LOU G

Keith Wilson

JOE V

TONY C

LIZ R

TOM ADAMO

ED B JR

ROE D

CHARLIE L

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED OR ABSENT.

THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WERE HELD.

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED

TREASURERS REPORT:

JOE VALLONE GAVE THE ATTACHED REPORT.

HE HAS RECEIVED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIAB POLICY RENEWAL

JOE V WILL CHECK WITH JOHN FRATTA IF THE FINANCIAL OFFICERS FOR CSJ ARE BONDED.

THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR CSJ HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AS JOANNE GROVE NEEDS TO GIVE LUIGI SQUILLANTE MORE INFORMATION THAT HE NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE AUDIT. THE SALES OF TEE SHIRTS HAVE SLOWED DOWN AS WELL. MOTION WAS MADE BY C LUCIE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS GIVEN. SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO AND PASSED.

FS REPORT:

JOE AND LOU REPORTED FOR JOANNE GROVE:

THE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT HOW ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME IS DONE FOR DIST 1 AND 2. JOANNE NEEDS TO BE HERE TO CLARIFY THESE ITEMS. THE FINAL APPROVED BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL PLENARY SESSION AND APPROVED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL. TOM ADAMO MOVES RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BUDGET AND PRESENT TO PLENARY IN APRIL. SECONDED BY KEITH WILSON AND PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

LOU GALLO REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

BETHPAGE CREDIT UNION:

LOU ASKED ED B JR. TO SEE IF THEY RESTORED THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY TO THEIR BANKS CALENDAR. ED WILL ADVISE.

SACCO AND VANZETTI STORY:

LOU HAS A LITERARY AGENT REVIEWING THIS STORY AND EVALUATING WHETHER THIS NEEDS TO BE MADE IN TO A BOOK FORM FOR SALE. PETER STEPANAK IS THE AUTHOR AND ALONG WITH MIKE DUKAKIS HAS REALLY SHOWN THAT THEY DID NOT COMMIT THE CRIMES THAT WERE ALLEGED. THEY WERE COMMITTED BY 5 BOLSHEVIKS AND ENGINEERED DURING THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION. THE FAMILY OF SACCO AND VANZETTI DO NOT WANT FORMAL RESOLUTION OF WITHDRAWAL AS THEY FEEL THIS WOULD LEGITIMIZE THEIR ALLEGED GUILT. LOU WILL KEEP US UPDATED.

NATIONAL CSJ:

LOU REFERENCES LETTER FROM KEVIN CAIRA OF NATIONAL CSJ ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PUBLISHED LETTER ABOUT THE MAFIA AND SOCIETY MAKING A MAN. THE NATIONAL HAS ASKED FOR AN APOLOGY ON THIS. WE AWAIT RESPONSE.

E-MAILS

ED BOCHYNSKI BRINGS UP THE NEED FOR THE GATHERING OF EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CALLS TO ACTION ON CERTAIN ISSUES. HE WILL GATHER UP SOME FROM COLUMBUS LODGE AND OTHERS AS WE GO ALONG. HE ALSO SHOWED SOME ARTWORK FOR THE DINNER JOURNAL FOR THE SAVING OF COLUMBUS DAY ISSUES. HE WILL PASS ON TO ANY THAT WANTS TO USE IN THEIR JOURNAL.

RIVERHEAD TOWN PROGRAM:

LOU MET WITH PARKS SUPT RAY COYNE IN RIVERHEAD AND THEY PULLED THE PROGRAM THAT THEY WERE GOING TO PUT ON FOR MURDER MYSTERY OF ITALIANS. LOU FELT THE MEETING WAS PRODUCTIVE AND A LETTER IS ATTACHED FROM THE SUPT OF PARKS.

MOVIE NIGHT:

BRUMIDI LODGE WILL HOST A MOVIE NIGHT SHOWING THE MOVIE "VENDETTA" ON FEB 28 AT THE LODGE. LOU ASKED ALL TO ATTEND. \$10.00 PER PERSON IS COST.

BOOKS:

SAL LAGUMINA HAS WRITTEN HIS 21ST BOOK ON ITALIAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE ABOUT THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES, AND WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO PURCHASE AND SUPPORT HIM.

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH BROOKLYN:

LOU HAS BEEN MEETING AND WORKING WITH MARIO TOGLIA AND WAS ALSO ON WHLI RADIO JOHN LABARCA SHOW ABOUT THE DEMOLITION OF THIS CHURCH. THE NYS LAND CONSERVANCY WILL CHECK TO SEE HOW MUCH IS NEEDED TO RESTORE THE FACILITY. WE NEED TO GET LOCAL COUNCILMAN ESPINAL ON BOARD WITH THIS AND NEEDS TO BE PRESSURED TO SAVE THIS CHURCH. THE URBAN JUSTICE CENTER WILL BE OFFERING LEGAL SERVICE FOR FREE AND DR. SAL CUMELA HAS BEEN REACHING OUT TO ALL HIS CONTACTS THRU GLENN CRISFARI AND ASSISTING WITH BISHOP DIMARZIO. MANY WOULD LIKE THE FACILITY TO HAVE THE SAME LOOK AS WHEN IT WAS A CHURCH. GLENN BELONGS TO THE PERRY COMO LODGE.

MORELLI CLASS:

LOU ASKED FOR INPUT ON THE PAT MORELLI CLASS ON BIAS AND BIGOTRY RESPONSES. ALL FELT THIS WAS VERY WORTHWHILE. LIZ RIZZO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NAME CHANGES TO ITALIAN SURNAMES AND THE PRIDE THEY WOULD INSTILL.

LOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR REVIEW OF THE ATTACHED COLUMBUS DAY HANDOUTS AND THE COLUMBUS DAY STAMP PROJECT ALSO.

TEXTBOOKS REVIEW:

LOU WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET GOING ON THIS COMMITTEE FOR CURRICULUM REVIEW OF LESSONS BEING TAUGHT ABOUT COLUMBUS IN SCHOOL HISTORY CLASSES. APRIL AND ANY MEETING WE WILL DISCUSS. LOU ALSO REFERENCED THE TEACHERS WORKSHOP MINUTES AND THE NEED THAT THEY FELT FOR MORE POSITIVE IMAGE MATERIALS FOR CLASSES.. WE WILL SUPPLY AS NEEDED. KEITH WILSON SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD MAKE A BOOKMARK FOR ALL LOUIS DELBIANCO AND HIS WORK FOR HIS GRANDFATHER. HE WILL BE GIVING US THE NEEDED INFORMATION AT THE DINNER.

SAL MOSCHELLA ADVISED LOU THAT HE FOUND THAT FRANK FRONTELANCO IS BUIRED IN POUGHKEEPSIE AND LOU ADVISED THE BOARD.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 PM. NEXT MEETING APRIL 11 IN HICKSVILLE CC

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

**KEITH WILSON
RECORDING SECRETARY
ATTACHMENTS**

