

**GRAND LODGE OF N.Y.  
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017  
HICKSVILLE C/C  
7:30 PM**

THE MEETING OF THE CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMENCED AT 7:40 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO. THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WERE HELD AND TOM ADAMO LED THE OPENING PRAYER.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

**L. GALLO  
K. WILSON  
J. VALLONE  
J. GROVE  
M. PRINCE  
J. GAGLIARDO  
T. ADAMO  
T. BANDISE  
T. ROTOLI  
L. RIZZO  
V. MARMORALE  
R. DICHIARA**

**ALL OTHERS WERE ABSENT OR EXCUSED**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING IN FEB. WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONE CORRECTION. LOU GALLO EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS:

M PRINCE  
T BANDISE  
T ROTOLI  
A SQUILLANTE

HE KNOWS THEY WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMITTEE.

**TREASURY REPORT:**

JOE VALLONE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

EXPLANATION OF DIST MONEY BREAKDOWN AS NEEDED.

V MARMORALE ASKED TO REVIEW THE STATEMENT FOR THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT LOU AND JOE WILL TRY TO GET TO HIM. LOU ADVISED THAT SOME MONEY CAN BE USED FOR PROJECTS AS WE GO ALONG.

**LUNCHEON:**

JOE GAVE LUNCHEON BREAKDOWN AND WE NETTED \$4391.52 FOR THE BRUNCH.

JOANNE GROVE GAVE THE NEEDED BREAKDOWN OF THE FS REPORT AND ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT IDENTIFICATION OF LINE ITEMS AND THE NEED TO PUT THEM IN OTHER AREAS. SHE WILL ADD FOOT NOTES AS NEEDED.

TOM BANDISE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORT FOR THE TREASURER AND FS FOR THE MONTH. SECONDED BY J GAGLIARDO AND PASSED.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

**SACCO AND VANZETTI:**

LOU ADVISED THAT A LITERARY AGENT NOW HAS THE WRITINGS IN HAND AND WILL ADVISE IF WE CAN PUBLISH.

**BRUMIDI MOVIE:**

LOU REPORTS THAT THE MOVIE NIGHT AT BRUMIDI WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND ALL 50 IN ATTENDANCE ENJOYED THE VENDETTA SHOWING.

**SAVE COLUMBUS DAY PETITIONS:**

THE APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED AT NATIONAL AND MANY OTHER GROUPS LIKE FARMINGDALE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY, ITALIC INSTITUTE AS WELL AS COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION ARE ALSO CIRCULATING AT THIS TIME. WE NEED 100,000 AS LOU WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH KEVIN CAIRA ABOUT THIS AND THE CORRECT NUMBER AS NEEDED.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY:**

WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLE WAS REFERENCED BY LOU WRITTEN BY PETER LAJACONO. SOME CITIES DO NOT RECOGNIZE THIS DAY AND OTHERS DO. IT AS CLARIFIED THAT COLUMBUS DAY IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY NOT NATIONAL.IT WAS CHANGED TO SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. WE WILL KEEP UP THE PUSH FOR THE PROPER RECOGNITION FOR COLUMBUS.

**BUFFALO TIMES:**

ANNE CAJIGAS THE PRESIDENT OF PERRY COMO LODGE IN NORTHPORT SENT A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE BUFFALO TIMES AGAINST AN OFFENSIVE ARTICLE AGAINST ITALIANS THAT SHE HAPPENED TO SEE. SHE RECEIVED AN APOLOGY AS WELL AND DID A GREAT JOB.

**LA CASA ITALIANA AT COLUMBIA:**

LOU MET WITH SEN. KEN LAVALLE WHO HELPED THIS INSTITUTE WITH THE FORMATION AND TAX EXEMPT STATUS AS IT GREW ALONG. THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN THAT THEY ARE PUSHING ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND NOT ADVOCATING ABOUT CULTURE AND HERITAGE THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE. LOU HAS ASKED SEN. LAVALLE TO LOOK INTO AND SEE IF THEIR STATUS IS BEING VIOLATED ABOUT THIS ISSUE. DAVID FRIEBERG THE DIRECTOR HAS NOT BEEN TOO ITALIAN FOCUSED AT THE CURRENT TIME. THEY HAVE A BOARD OF GOVERNORS WHO NEEDS MORE ITALIAN ADVOCATES AS WELL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH:**

LOU REFERENCES THE REPORT IN THE PACKET BY MARIO TOGLIA DETAILING THE ACTIONS AT THE CHURCH AND TIMELINE OF EVENTS AS THEY HAPPENED. THE CSJ IS A PART OF THE BROWNSVILLE CULTURAL COALITION IN ATTEMPTING TO SAVE THIS CHURCH. CITY COUNCILMAN RAFAEL ESPINALS SUPPORT IS VERY CRUCIAL TO THIS PROJECT. THE NY STATE LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY HAS REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT IN TRYING TO SAVE THIS EDIFICE. UNICO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO DO THE REPAIR WORK FOR FREE IN THE CHURCH. SEN TONY AVELLA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON NEWS 12 BROOKLYN IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR THIS TOPIC. LOU ATTENDED A DINNER FOR MAJOR ITALIAN ORGANIZATIONS DR SAL CUMELLA INVITED LOU TO ATTEND AND HE MADE SOME GREAT CONNECTIONS FOR CSJ AND THE OLL ISSUE. THERE WERE 650 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. JOHN RUPOLO, WHOM LOU MET THERE, ASKED IF THE CHURCH COULD TRULY BE DESTROYED AS IT IS ON CONSECRATED GROUND.LOU ALSO SPOKE WITH JUDGE JOHN GOGLIA ABOUT THE QUEENS TEMPLE RESTORATION PROJECT WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THIS AS WELL.

THE DIOCESE IS NOW PUSHING FOR DEMOLITION AS THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN DECIMATED.

**DIST CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS:****DIST 3**

LOU VISITED THERE RECENTLY AND ALL WENT WELL. HE REFERENCED THE PRAYER WRITTEN FOR OUR MEETINGS OPENING BY ANTHONY BARBARO FROM AP GIANNINI LODGE.

**DIST 5**

ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED SOME PI MATERIALS FROM LOU AS NEEDED.

**DIST 6**

PETER SPARANO PRESIDENT OF G DANNUNZIO LODGE WROTE A RECENT LETTER TO THE LOCAL PAPER ABOUT AN OFFENSIVE ARTICLE ABOUT COLUMBUS LEGACY. THEY ALSO ASKED FOR SOME PI MATERIALS AS WELL.

**DIST 2**

JEAN GAGLIARDO REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:SHE WILL HAVE NEXT MEETING APRIL 20 AT HER HOMEMARCO POLO LODGE HAS SOME ADA RULES TO WORK OUT BEFORE SHE GOES BACK THERE. SHE WILL NEED TO SECURE CELLINI LODGE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

THE BELLA LINGUA FOR DIST 2 WILL BE HELD AT BETHPAGE CC AT 7:00 PM FOR THE CEREMONY.

LOU REPORTS THAT THE MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS PROJECT HAS BEEN UPDATED AND ALL IS GOOD. ROE DICHAIRA HAS THE PDF FILE FOR THIS ALSO.

**BFCU:**

THE CALENDAR REFLECTS COLUMBUS DAY AS IT SHOULD.

CHAIRMAN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING DUTIES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

**CHOICE HOTELS:**

TOM BANDISE WILL LOOK INTO REPORTS THAT A COMMERCIAL FROM THEM WAS RUNNING ON THE FOX NEWS CHANNEL WITH THE SOPRANOS CONONTATION.

**FRANK GULOTTA PICTURE:**

MARIANNE PRINCE WILL HELP PAT GRECO OBTAIN PICTURE OF THEIR FOUNDER.

A BOOKMARK WILL BE MADE HONORING LUIGI DELBIANCO

PAT MORELLI REFERENCED LOU TO DISNEY MAFIA BIGOTRY PROGRAM.

TONY CONETTA REFERRED LOU TO TILLES CENTER SHOWING OF GODFATHER IN CONCERT. WE WILL MONITOR.

LOU ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE HONORED BY AATI ON MAY 13 AND WILL GET US THE INFO IF WE WISH TO ATTEND.

**HUFFINGTON POST ARTICLE**

LIZ RIZZO REVIEWED AN ARTICLE CALLED CAN WE TALK BY DR JANICE ADAMS OF THIS PAPER.IT PORTRAYS THAT AFRICA DISCOVERED THE NEW WORLD NOT COLUMBUS IN A STORY CALLED GLORY DAYS. WE ALL FELT THIS IS GARBAGE AND TO NOT EVEN LOOK AT THE HUFFINGTON POST.

**PERLASCA FILM**

THIS WILL BE SHOWN IN JUNE AT BRUMIDI.

**MY ITALIAN SECRET UPDATE:**

VINCE MARMORALE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

DR ANNA MARIE MONACO HAS COMPLETED A 20 PAGE CURRICULUM IN LINE WITH THIS FILM.THE WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE AS WELL.

TWO SYNAGOGUES WILL BE SHOWING THIS MOVIE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE EXPLAINED ABOUT WALTER WOLFF AND HOW THE MOVIE CAME ABOUT.THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONTACTED VINCE ABOUT SPEAKING TO THEM AS WELL. THE MOVIE CAN BE SEEN ON NETFLIX.

**EMOJITALIA APP**

LOU ASKED FOR INPUT AND ALL THINS THE APP IS GREAT FOR THIS.

LOU REFERENCED ARTICLE ABOUT THE PASSING OF LOU DUVA AND THE MY COUSIN VINNY MOVEI 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

THE NEXT MEETINNG WILL BE MAY 9, 2017 AT HICKSVILLE C/C.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON  
REC. SECTY. NYS CSJ  
ATTACHMENTS

