

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
NYS GRAND LODGE OSIA
MINUTES OF MEETING
8-08-2017
RESIDENCE OF KEITH WILSON**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.
ROLL CALL SHOWED AS FOLLOWS PRESENT:

**J FRATTA
K WILSON
J VALLONE
M RISPOLI
R DICHIARA
C LUCIE
T CORSELLO
L GALLO
E BOCHYNSKI (LATE)
J GROVE**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING PRIOR WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

KEITH HANDED OUT THE MINUTES OF THE POLISH COUNCIL AND CSJ MEETING FOR THOSE PRESENT. HE ALSO HANDED OUT THE UPDATED DIRECTORY FOR THE COMMITTEE. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT LIZ RIZZO AND TOM BANDISE HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE EXEC. BOARD. IT WAS REPORTED BY KEITH THAT TOM ADAMO WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AND HAVING SOME PULMONARY ISSUES. JOHN FRATTA WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM A GET WELL BASKET KEITH WILL ORDER AND SEND AS THE BOARD APPROVED THIS REQUEST.

• **TREASURERS REPORT:**

JOE VALLONE HANDED OUT AN ABBREVIATED REPORT AS HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE BANK STATEMENT AS YET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. ALL CHECKS WRITTEN WERE SHOWN AS NEEDED. THE CONVENTION DONATIONS ARE NOT YET IN AND JOHN WILL ASK LUIGI ABOUT THIS. K WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT TREASURERS REPORT SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO AND PASSED.

• **F/S REPORT:**

JOANNE GROVE HANDED OUT HER REPORT AND ALL NUMBERS WERE IN ORDER. KEITH WILSON RAISED QUESTION ABOUT REFUND POLICY FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER IN FEBRUARY. JOHN WILL SPEAK TO JO COHEN ABOUT TIMING AND CUT OFF FOR CANCELLATIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. J VALLONE MOVED TO ACCEPT FS REPORT SECONDED BY R DICHIARA AND PASSED.

• **DINNER DANCE:**

JOHN FRATTA DISCUSSED HONOREES AS LOU GALLO AND CAROLYN RERES. HE WOULD LIKE ONE MORE IF AVAIABLE. THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS. LOU GALLO RECOMMENDS GARY SINISE.

• **SAVE COLUMBUS DAY PETITIONS:**

JOHN MENTIONS THAT NEW PALTZ HAS CHANGED HOLIDAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND THAT IS NOT GOOD. TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT FR FORNO PUT THE PETITION ON LINE THRU CHANGE.ORG. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH HOW MANY SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN HANDED IN AND KEEP PUSHING THE ISSUE ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS PER JOHN F. CHARLIE LUCIE ASKED IF THE NEW PR FIRM CAN HELP US GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT COLUMBUS DAY AND JOHN WILL CHECK INTO.

• **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE ISSUES:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE AUG 22 AT 11 AM AT COLUMBUS CIRCLE AT MERCHANTS GATE AND CENTRAL PARK EAST AS WE COULD NOT HAVE AT ROCKEFELLER CENTER DUE TO PROPERTY RULES. ALL LOCAL POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN INVITED AND THE MEDIA AS WELL. JOHN HAS ALL LETTERS

READY TO GO OUT ASAP. SOME UPSTATE LEGISLATORS WILL NOT BE ASKED DUE TO DISTANCE. TONY CORSELLO SPOKE TO ANTHONY D'URSO ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND HE SAYS THAT HE WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITION. JOHN WILL ASK THE PR FIRM THAT WORKS WITH SAN GENNARO FEAST TO HELP WITH PUBLICITY WITH THIS AS WELL. LINDA STASI HAS BEEN NOTIFIED. JOHN ALSO REPORTS THAT THE TWO RESPONSES WE RECEIVED FROM QUEST AND EXXON WERE NOT VERY PROMISING AS TO NOT SPONSORING SNL ANY FURTHER. ED B SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD PUT THESE RESPONSES IN THE JUSTICE ARTICLE FOR ALL TO SEE.

*****WE WILL DO A TELEPHONE BLITZ ON AUGUST 21 AT 212-664-4444 FOR NBC TO KNOW ABOUT PRESS CONFERENCE.*** JOHN ASKS ALL TO CALL AND SOUND OFF OUR DISPLEASURE OF THE APRIL 9 SNL SKIT CALLED "TENEMENT MUSEUM" WHICH DEPICTED BLACK FACES AND ITALIANS AND POLISH IN A BAD LIGHT. WE HOPE FOR A GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.**

- **OUR LADY OF LORETO:**

JOHN ADVISED THE BOARD THAT THE DIRECTION FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT ROBERT FERRITO IS THAT WE WILL NO LONGER PURSUE THIS MATTER AS OSIA AND THAT THE APPEAL FOR NOT DESTROYING THE CHURCH WAS DENIED AND MOST FEEL THIS IS NOT WORTH PURSUING ANY FURTHER.

- **ACTORS IN NEGATIVE ROLES:**

JOHN BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT WE KEEP FIGHTING ACTORS AND ACTRESSES IN NEGATIVE ROLES AND FEELS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH. HE FEELS THAT PEOPLE HE HAS SPOKEN TO LIKE TONY DANZA AND OTHER ACTORS COULD BE MORE HELPFUL IF THEY WERE ASKED BY US TO HELP UNDERSTAND WHY THEY TAKE THESE ROLES AND KEEP ITALIANS IN A BETTER LIGHT. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO PUT A GROUP OF ACTORS TOGETHER AND START A DIALOGUE WITH THEM ABOUT THIS ISSUE. LOU GALLO SUGGESTS THAT WE NEED TO TALK TO THE PRODUCERS AND WRITERS GUILD AS THIS IS ALSO THE GROUP THAT PUTS THIS WORK OUT AND FEELS THEY NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS ISSUE ALSO. MOVIES LIKE UN BROKEN AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WERE SIGHTED AS EXAMPLES.

WE NEED TO CREATE AND CONTROL AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR THE MEDIA TO PUT US IN A GOOD LIGHT. JOHN REPORTS THAT MANY OF THE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES IN THE SOPRANOS WERE AMATEURS UNTIL THEY GOT THOSE ROLES.

JOHN WILL KEEP US APPRISED OF THIS MATTER. SOCIAL MEDIA AND VIDEO STREAMINGS ARE A PART OF THIS AS WELL.

- **DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:**

D1: C LUCIE REPORTS THAT HE AND HIS COMMITTEE ARE WORKING ON THE NEXT ESSAY CONTEST FOR NEXT YEAR.

D 2: MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS FOR JEAN GAGLIARDO THAT SHE PRESENTED JOHN WITH A SAMPLE OF THE COLUMBUS PROJECT BOOK THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO SCHOOLS IN DIST 2. THE NEXT MEETING FOR DIST 2 WILL BE AUG. 31 AT MARCO POLO.

D 3: TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT HIS NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPT 7 AT PER SEMPRE LODGE IN LYNBROOK. TONY HAS OBTAINED A LIST OF SCHOOLS THAT TEACH ITALIAN AS WELL. TONY WILL BE MEETING ALDO DICHIARA AT THE STORAGE FACILITY FOR GETTING LITERATURE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

ED BOCHYNSKI REVIEWED THE COLUMBUS DAY JOURNAL COVER FOR COLUMBUS LODGE AND HOW HE RUNS IT THRU THE FARMINGDALE SCHOOLS. THE CHILDREN DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE ACTUAL JOURNAL.

- **LIBRARY DISPLAYS:**
JOHN ASKED ABOUT LIBRARY DISPLAYS AND HOW MANY ARE ABLE TO GET THEM PUT UP FOR HERITAGE MONTH. SOME ARE VERY COOPERATIVE AND SOME ARE NOT. JEAN AND LIZ RIZZO USED TO SEND OUT INTEREST LETTERS TO ALL LIBRARIES AS WELL. WE WILL ASK ALL LODGES TO PURSUE FOR OCTOBER.
- **MEDAL OF HONOR EXHIBITS:**
JOHN ASKED FOR UPDATES ON MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAMS. WE HAVE TWO SETS OF 29 ITALIAN RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SET FOR ALL 8 DISTRICTS IN THE STATE. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO EXPEND UP TO \$1,000.00 FOR THIS PROJECT. SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO AND PASSED. WE ALSO HAVE BANNERS AND BUNTING IN THE STORAGE UNIT AS WELL.
- **DELBIANCO PLAQUE UNVEILING:**
LOU GALLO REMINDS ALL THAT THE PLAQUE UNVEILING MARKING LUIGI DELBIANCO AS THE CHIEF CARVER OF MT. RUSHMORE WILL BE HELD ON SEPT. 16 AT MT RUSHMORE. LOU WILL BE MENTIONED IN THE HISTORY JOURNAL ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND CBS NEWS WILL COVER THIS.
- **FUTURE MEETINGS:**
JOHN WOULD LIKE TO START IN OCTOBER HAVING OUR MEETINGS AT THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE IN BELLMORE. THE BOARD AGREED AS WE CAN THEN USE SKYPE FOR UPSTATE TO PARTICIPATE.
- **COLUMBIA ITALIAN INSTITUTE:**
LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THIS ITALIAN INSTITUTE HAS NOW BECOME A RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND NOT FOCUSED ON ITALIAN CULTURE AS MUCH AS IT USED TO. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET DR. RICHARD GAMBINO ON THE BOARD OF GUARANTORS WHO WOULD HELP REDIRECT THIS 501 C3 BACK TO ITALIAN TEACHINGS. THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM JOHN MANCINI WHO BELONGS TO CELLINI LODGE. WE WILL INVITE HIM TO THE OCTOBER CSJ BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS. ED B WILL GET US THEIR MISSION STATEMENT AND SEE IF IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR WORK CURRENTLY.

THE FOLLOWING MEETING DATES WERE REVIEWED FOR THE END OF THE YEAR:

- ***SEPT 12 AT HICKSVILLE CC***
- ***OCTOBER 10 AT THE GL OFFICE.***
- ***NOVEMBER 14 AT THE GL OFFICE***
- ***DECEMBER OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT CIMINELLIS DECEMBER 12 7:00 P.M.***

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:40 PM AFTER MOTION BY KEITH W AND SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO. PASSED

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON
SECTY

ATTACHMENTS

