

**ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
NY GRAND LODGE
NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF EXEC. BOARD MEETING
HICKSVILLE C/C
9-12-2017**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 BY CSJ VICE CHAIRPERSON ELEANOR JOBAGGY. JOHN FRATTA WAS EXCUSED FROM MEETING.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

E JOBAGGY
K WILSON
J VALLONE
L GALLO
V MARMORALE
M PRINCE
T CORSELLO
J GROVE

- THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED
- TREASURER JOE VALLONE GAVE HIS MONTHLY REPORT AS ATTACHED AND ALL WAS FOUND IN ORDER WITH JUST 4 OUTSTANDING CHECKS. BALANCES ARE ALL CORRECT ALSO. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO ACCEPT REPORT SECONDED BY L GALLO AND APPROVED.
- FS JOANNE GROVE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT SHE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR AUGUST SO SHE WILL PREPARE TWO MONTHS FOR NEXT MEETING. KEITH W MOVED TO ACCEPT ABBREVIATED REPORT SECONDED BY T. CORSELLO AND PASSED.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS

COLUMBUS ISSUES:

ELEANOR READ REPORT FROM JOHN ABOUT LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUPPORTING US IN OUR CRUSADE TO KEEP COLUMBUS AND THE STATUES IN TACT.

JOHN ALSO SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD ALL BOYCOTT THE MAYORS ITALIAN CELEBRATION. THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT RESPOND TO US WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAINST OUR CAUSE. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE CITY OF ITHACA CHANGED TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY NUT AKRON OHIO VOTED DOWN THE CHANGE 8-5. TOM SUOZZI TOLD OUR STATE PRESIDENT THAT HE WILL TRY TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT CHANGE COLUMBUS TO A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

MINEOLA STATUE CELEBRATION:

ELEANORE ASKED MARIANNE PRINCE ABOUT THE OCT 7 DEDICATION IN MINEOLA AND SOME FELT WE SHOULD HAVE A SPEAKER THEIR ABOUT COLUMBUS DAY AND DEDICATION OF STATUE SHOULD HAVE BIG TURNOUT AS WELL. MARIANNE WILL ASK TONY DICOSTANZO TO SEND OUT EMAIL BLAST FOR ALL TO ATTEND. THE CEREMONY STARTS AT 9:30 AM

DAILY NEWS ARTICLES:

VINCEMARMORALE FEELS THAT SOME ARE MAKING THIS A CULTURE WAR AND FEELS WE NEED TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE. DISCUSSION WAS HELD. THIS WAS IN RELATION TO MAYORS COMMITTEE TO REVIEW STATUES. VINCE FEELS THAT THESE ARE EVIL PEOPLE AND NEED TO BE FOUGHT HEAD ON FOR OUR CAUSE TO BE DEFENDED.

COSTUME/COLUMBUS:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT WE NEED TO AMEND THE EXPENSE FOR HIS COSTUME FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$162.69 DOLLARS. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 200.00 FOR THIS PURPOSE. JOE VALLONE MOVED TO APPROVE AND SECONDED BY TONY CORSELLO AND PASSED. TOTAL UP TO \$375.00 FOR OUTFIT.

PAMPHLETS:

LOU REPORTS THAT HE ORDERED THE COLUMBUS PAMPHLETS AT 1000 EACH FOR \$500.00 TOTAL EXPENSE. WE WILL USE AS NEEDED.

HOFSTRA DAY:

ELEANOR MENTIONS THAT WE HAVE THIS ON SUNDAY 9-17 AND REVIEWED THE SCHEDULE SHE WILL GET THERE AT 8:30 A.M. FOR SET UP. ANDY REILLY WILL BRING THE MEMBERSHIP TENT AND LOU GALLO WILL BRING CSJ TENT AND SAVE COLUMBUS DAY BANNER. WE WILL HAVE CSJ LITERATURE FOR TABLE AND COLUMBUS PETITIONS.

MARIANNE PRINCE MENTIONS THAT WE NEED PLACE FOR LADIES TO CHANGE FOR REGIONS DRESSES. THEY WILL LOOK IN HOFSTRA SUNDAY WHEN THEY ARRIVE. STATE PRES WILL SPEAK AT 11:00 AM AND JOHN FRATTA MAY SPEAK AS WELL. JOE SCIAME WILL BE INTRODUCING THE DRESSES AND REGIONS AS THEY ENTER. ELEANOR GAVE OUT SOME EXTRA CSJ PINS THAT WE HAD AS WELL.

CAR MAGNETS:

JOANNE GROVE MENTIONS THAT WE MAY WANT SOMETHING DISTRIBUTED TO KEEP COLUMBUS OUT THERE AT ALL TIMES. SHE AND JOE VALLONE WILL LOOK INTO COST OF A CAR MAGNET FOR VEHICLE DISPLAY.

NATIONAL CSJ:

IT WAS MENTIONED THAT KEVIN CAIRA AND NATIONAL CSJ ARE LETTING NY TAKE LEAD ON STATUE ISSUE.

NEW BUSINESS:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

KEITH WILSON FEELS THAT WE NEED TO RESURRECT THE PROPOSAL HE MADE A PROPOSAL LAST YEAR THAT THE CSJ COMMITTEE HAVE A SUB COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT ACTION LIKE DISCUSSED LAST YEAR. THIS COLUMBUS STATUE ISSUE WOULD GET MORE ATTENTION IF WE COULD GET TO A NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS WITH A CALL TO ACTION AND SHOW OUR TRUE POWER THAT WE POSSESS AS ITALIAN AMERICANS. ELEANOR ASKED KEITH TO SEND HER AND JOHN HIS PROPOSAL FROM LAST YEAR AND WE CAN DISCUSS AT OCTOBER MEETING.

TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT THE NEXT D3 MEETING IS THURSDAY 9-14 AT PER SEMPRE MENS LODGE AT 7:30 PM ALL WELCOME.

LOU GALLO MENTIONS THAT BRUMIDI WILL SHOW SACCO/VANZETTI MOVIE ON SEPT 26 FOR \$10.00 PER PERSON AND YOU WILL GET PIZZA. JOHN MANCINI WILL BE AT OUR OCT. MTG FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT CASA ITALIANA ISSUES AND GOVERNANCE. THIS IS OUTRIGHT DISCRIMINATION AS PER LOU. HE ALSO IS FINISHING THE DVD ID WORK FOR MOVIES TO BE SHOWN.

MARIANNE PRINCE ASKS IF MIKE SANTO WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER A BUSINESS PLAN AS HE SUGGESTED AT OUR AUGUST SPECIAL MTG. ELEANOR REPORTS THAT JOHN WILL REFER THIS TO OUR NEW PR PERSON FOR ACTION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING OCT. 10 AT GRAND LODGE OFFICE

MINUTES SUBMITTED

KEITH WILSON
SECTY.

ATTACHMENTS