

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
NYS GRAND LODGE FOUNDATION
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF EXEC. BOARD MEETING
GL OFFICE
1-09-2018**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 P.M. BY CO CHAIRPERSON ELEANOR JOBBAGY. CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA WAS EXCUSED. THE PLEDGE WAS SAID AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD. ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

**E JOBBAGY
K WILSON
L GALLO
T ROTOLI
T CORSELLO
M RISPOLI
T ADAMO
E BOCHYNSKI
R CANGELOSI
J COHEN**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED. JO COHEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THEM AS READ SECONDED BY LOU GALLO AND APPROVED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS WERE POSTPONED AS THE FIN. OFFICERS WERE NOT PRESENT WE WILL GET AN UPDATE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

AGENDA ITEMS:

• **BELLA LINGUA PROGRAM:**

ELEANOR EXPLAINED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT WE WILL ONCE AGAON ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM NOT THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. MARYANN RISPOLI WILL BE THE CHAIRLADY FOR US AND JEAN GAGLIARDO WILL ASSIST. WE WILL USE THE DIST 2 MODEL AND THIS WILL BE PUT TOGETHER BY MARYANN AS NEEDED. THE AWARDS WILL BE \$500.00 PER STUDENT, FUNDED BY THE GL FOUNDATION, FOR ONE IN EACH DISTRICT. THE TIMEFRAME WILL BE AWARDED IN JUNE. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE ESSAY CONTEST WHICH IS DIFFERENT.

• **SAVE COLUMBUS DAY:**

ELEANOR TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT JOHN FRATTA REPORTS NO ACTION YET FROM THE MAYORS COMMITTEE AND WE WILL MONITOR. WE STILL HAVE AVAILABLE THROUGH CENTRAL BUYING THE MAGNETS AND TEE SHIRTS AS NEED TO BE ORDERED. ANITA ROSATO WILL HANDLE. ELEANOR SUGGESTS THAT WE GIVE A SAMPLE OUT AT THE NEXT PLENARY FOR PROMOTION AND GET THE WORD OUT. THE CCPC NOW HAS 501 C4 FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY TO BE ABLE TO BE LOBBYISTS AND ISSUE ADVOCATES. THEY HAVE ALSO SET UP A GO FUND ME PAGE FOR THIS WORK AND WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY AS A CSJ. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO DONATE \$1,000.00 TO THIS ENDEAVOR AND SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI PASSED BY THE BOARD. ELEANOR TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE GL FOUNDATION WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO GIVE \$5,000.00 TO THIS ENDEAVOR. THE GROUP ALSO HAS A NEW NAME CALLED THE ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION. THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE AS WELL.

• **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST:**

KEITH WILSON HANDED OUT THE ATTACHED FLYER FOR THE LEG BREAKFAST TO BE HELD APRIL 14 2018 AT THE SEAFORD AMERICAN LEGION. THERE IS NO CHARGE AND THIS IS ONLY OPEN TO LEGISLATORS AND THOSE WHO WILL BE INVITED BY OUR COMMITTEE

IE: LODGE PRESIDENTS, CSJ EXEC BOARD AND LIAISONS AS WELL AS STATE OFFICERS. THE BREAKFAST WILL BE HANDLED BY SKALBERG CATERERS AND WILL BE FUNDED BY THE CSJ COMMITTEE. ALL CONCURRED. SOME FEEL WE SHOULD ASK GOOD QUESTIONS OF THE LEGISLATORS AND THEY WILL BE SEATED WITH THE MEMBERS THAT ATTEND AS WELL AS THEIR WILL BE A DAIS AND PROGRAM FORMULATED.

- **CSJ CALENDAR PROGRAM**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THE COMMITTEE OF HERSELF, MARIANNE PRINCE, JOE VALLONE, AND CESARE MANNICIA HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AND GETTING SOME GOOD INPUT FOR THIS HERITAGE CALENDAR. THEY SHOULD BE READY BY MID MAY.

- **CSJ BRUNCH:**

JO COHEN REPORTS THAT THE MAILING IS OUT AND HONOREES ARE IN PLACE. WE HAVE 4 AND THE JOURNAL WILL BE RUN BY KEITH WILSON. ELEANOR WILL HANDLE THE RAFFLES AND BASKETS FOR SALES. \$90.00 PER PERSON IS THE PRICE WE ARE CHARGING FOR THE TICKETS. JO WILL HANDLE ALL DINNER RESERVATIONS. THE DATE IS FEB 25 AT RUSSO'S ON THE BAY 12-5 P.M.

- **DIST REPORTS:**

DIST 2: MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE NEXT MTG. IS JANUARY 18 AT JEAN GAGLIARDOS HOUSE.

DIST 3: TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT THE NEXT MEETING HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED YET. THE GRANT WAS AWARDED IN NOVEMBER AND THIS WAS TO A SCHOOL IN STATEN ISLAND. HE WILL RUN A FUNDRAISER IN THE SPRING.

DIST 1: KEITH WILSON REPORTED FOR CHARLIE LUCIE THAT THE ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION WAS GIVEN OUT AT THE LAST PRES MTG AND ALL WILL SUPPORT.

- **CSJ VIDEO LIBRARY:**

LOU GALLO HAS PREPARED THIS AND HE WILL GET THE VIDEOS OUT AS NEEDED. TONY DICOSTANZO HAS PUT THIS OUT ON EMAIL BLAST AND WE WILL ASK TERRY TANZER TO LOAD ON THE WEBSITE TO CLICK WHICH MOVIE WE WANT TO WATCH.

- **WANDERING DAGO:**

LOU REPORTS THAT THIS TRUCK HAS WON THE APPEALS CASE TO BE ABLE TO SELL THEIR FOOD ON STATE PROPERTY AS THE COURT DECIDED THAT THE GOVT DOES NOT SANCTION THEIR NAME ONLY THE ALLOWANCE OF SELLING FOOD ON THE GROUNDS. THEY WERE ALSO AWARDED 68,000.00 FOR THEIR TROUBLES IN THEIR SUIT. TOO BAD FOR CSJ AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY ON THIS PER LOU. THE COURT FELT THAT THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS WERE ABRIDGED.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

ELEANOR ASKED FOR A MOTION TO DONATE THE ANNUAL PAGE FOR THE WINTER CHARITY BALL ALL CONCURRED AFTER MOTION BY KEITH W AND SECONDED BY J COHEN FOR UP TO \$200.00. TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT TRAFFIC CONSTRUCTION IS VERY BUSY AND SOME TIMES HE MAY BE LATE IF HE IS ATTENDING A MEETING. ED BOCHYNSKI REPORTS THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE NYC PRES CONFERENCES AND WAS GLAD HE ATTENDED. LOU GALLO REFERENCES "COLUMBUS THE HERO" BOOK THAT DEBUNKS ALL RUMORS ABOUT COLUMBUS. A RECOMMENDED READ. TOM ADAMO WILL REMIND LODGES ABOUT THE CSJ BRUNCH AND TO SUPPORT THE RAFFLES AS WELL. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:05 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY
KEITH WILSON, REC SECTY.