

MINUTES OF MEETING
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GL OFFICE
2-05-2018

THE BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PRAYER WAS LED BY SECTY. K. WILSON AND THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS
LED BY CHAIRMAN J FRATTA.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- R FERRITO
- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- J VALLONE
- K WILSON
- J GROVE
- L GALLO
- C LUCIE
- T ADAMO
- T CORSELLO
- V MARMORALE
- J COHEN
- M PRINCE
- C CIACCIO
- T ROTOLI

ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONE CORRECTION.
K WILSON PASSED OUT THE NEW DIRECTORY FOR ALL TO USE.

TREASURY REPORT:

JOE VALLONE GAVE OUT THE ATTACHED REPORT. JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT HE STILL NEEDS
TO GO TO CHASE BANK AND SIGN FOR THE NEW COLUMBUS DAY ACCOUNTS. THE TWO
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE AS PER THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
FOR THE GRAND LODGE EXEC BOARD. K WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURY REPORT
SECONDED BY T CORSELLO AND PASSED.

FS REPORT:

J GROVE PASSED OUT HER MONTHLY ATTACHED REPORT:

WE SHOW A SUBSIDY AS FOR THE EXPENSES OF SAVE COLUMBUS DAY ACTIVITIES.

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MARKET THE TEE SHIRTS AND MAGNETS AND
MORE AGGRESSIVE FOR CENTRAL BUYING. ANITA ROSATO WILL BE THE POINT PERSON FOR ALL
SALES AND FORWARD MONEY TO CSJ FOR ALL SALES ON THESE ITEMS. JOHN ASKED JOE
VALLONE IF WE HAVE THE \$1,000.00 CHECK FOR THE CPC AND HE WILL CHECK OR GET IT TO
JOHN.

MOTION BY K WILSON TO ACCEPT FS REPORT. SECONDED BY J COHEN AND PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE: JOHN SPOKE WITH JOE SCELZA FROM THE ITAL AMERICAN MUSEUM AND
SAN DIEGO WANTS TO REMOVE VARIOUS COLUMBUS STATUES. WE HAVE BEEN VERY
POSITIVE AND WE NOW NEED TO FIGHT MORE AGGRESSIVELY ON THIS

MATTER. THERE WILL BE A MEETING WEDNESDAY WITH THE COALITION AND JOHN AND ROBERT WILL ATTEND. STRATEGY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME. FRUSTRATION HAS BECOME THE WATCHWORD AS WELL. JOHN REPORTS THAT THE SHOW BLUE BLOODS RECENTLY REFERRED TO ITALIANS AS GUIDOS. WE ARE ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT NIAF AND CALANDRA INSTITUTE ARE NOT AS SUPPORTIVE

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AS THEY COULD BE. THE AUTHOR ADRIANA TRIGIANI ALSO HAS SIGNED PETITIONS THAT SHE CLAIMS SHE DID NOT WHAT WAS ON THEM, AGAINST THE STATUES AS WELL.

PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HIS PARISH HAS LENT THE SAN GENNARO STATUE FOR MONEY TO MARTIN SCORSESE FOR A GANGSTER MOVIE. THIS IS VERY DISCOURAGING TO JOHN AND THOSE IN THE AREA. HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO MSGR SAKANO ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE ALSO DENIED DONATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITIONS. STATE PRESIDENT ROEBRT FERRITO FEELS WE SHOULD TRY TO EDUCATE NIAF RANK AND FILE MEMBERS ON THIS ISSUE. LOU GALLO FEELS WE NEED TO START FIGHTING MORE AGGRESSIVE AND NOT BE EASY ON THIS ISSUE ANY FURTHER.

CARL CIACCIO REPORTS ON HIS TESTIMONY ON THIS ISSUE AT A MEETING HE ATTENDED WHERE STUDENTS WERE THERE AS WELL. THEY SPOKE AGAINST COLUMBUS AND KEITH WILSON POINTS OUT THAT ACADEMIA IS KILLING OUR HERITAGE IN THE COLLEGES WITH THIS ISSUE. CARL ALSO REFERENCES A TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON DIVERSITY TRAINING AND HOW THE SPIN ON THIS COULD BE HURTFUL TO OUR CAUSE FOR COLUMBUS AND OTHER PROUD HERITAGE ISSUES.

TEXTBOOKS NEED TO BE MORE FACTUAL AND VINCE MARMORALE ATTENDED A HISTORY CONVENTION AND TRIED TO REVIEW THE COLUMBUS CURRICULUM ON THIS AND THE BOOK WAS NOT TRUTHFUL AT ALL.

TONY ROTOLI TALKED ABOUT A RALLY HE USED TO ATTEND WHERE MANY ITALIANS ATTENDED AND JOHN FEELS OUR PROBLEM NOW IS THAT MANY DO NOT ATTEND WHEN CALLED UPON TO DO SO. KEITH SPOKE ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP AGING AND NOT ABLE TO ATTEND AND YOUNG PEOPLE NOT JOINING DOES NOT HELP OUR CAUSE EITHER. JOHN REPORTS THAT THE ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION HAS SET UP A GO FUND ME PAGE AND DONATIONS ARE IN ORDER. THE PR FIRM MAY GET AS MUCH AS \$80,000.00 A YEAR.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON:

JO COHEN REPORTS ON THE UPCOMING LUNCHEON AT RUSSO ON THE BAY. FEB 25 IS THE DAY AND 12-5 IS THE TIME. INVITATIONS ARE OUT AND JO SPOKE TO THE HONOREES ABOUT THEIR RESERVATIONS AND TABLES. RESERVATIONS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY BUT THEY ARE COMING. JOURNAL CHAIRMAN KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT THE JOURNAL IS GOING WELL AND MARIANNE PRINCE ON THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE ADS IN AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN YET. WE WILL PURSUE MORE ADS FROM THOSE NOT IN YET. ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THE RAFFLE BASKETS ARE IN ORDER AND PERRY COMO LODGE WILL BE GIVING A BASKET AS PER C LUCIE. PLEASE GET TO ELEANOR WHEN YOU ARE READY. JEAN GAGLIARDO WILL CALL SOME LODGES TO GET MORE GIFTS AS WELL.

DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT PUTTING OUT CSJ LITERATURE FOR THE DINNER. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE A TRI FOLD DISPLAY BOARD AND HAVE SOME ITEMS HANDY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO USE THEM FOR PR PURPOSES FOR CSJ AT A SEPARATE TABLE IN THE DINING ROOM AREA.

LEG BREAKFAST:

KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT THIS BREAKFAST IS IN ORDER AND WILL BE HELD APRIL 14 AT THE SEAFORD AMERICAN LEGION FROM 9-12 NOON. THE HALL COST US \$300.00 AND MOTION WAS MADE TO ALLOCATE \$2,000.00 FOR THIS BREAKFAST SUBSIDY. MOTION BY TOM ADAMO SECONDED BY ELEANOR JOBBAGY AND PASSED. FLYERS WILL BE IN NEXT PRES MAILINGS AND

THIS IS OPEN ONLY TO SPECIFIC OSDIA PEOPLE. PRES., CSJ LIAISONS, EXEC BOARD AND EXEC COM AS WELL AS LEGISLATORS. LETTER FOR INVITES WILL GO OUT IN MARCH.

CSJ CALENDAR:

ELEANOR UPDATES THE BOARD ON THE HERITAGE CALENDAR. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING AND HISTORY ITEMS ARE BEING REVIEWED. THIS SHOULD BE OUT BY THE CONVENTION. THE COVER AND SIZE WERE REVIEWED AS WELL. TONY ROTOLI GAVE AN ARTICLE ON OSIA ORPHANAGE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY USE FOR THE CALENDAR. THE BACK PAGE WILL BE DEDICATED TO COLUMBUS. THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER LIKE THE REGULAR CALENDAR GAME. THIS IS JUST FOR HERITAGE USE.

REP SUOZZI ISSUE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT HE IS STILL PURSUING TOM SUOZZI FOR A RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS FOR COLUMBUS DAY BECOMING A FEDERAL HOLIDAY. HE WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM AGAIN. K WILSON TELLS LOU THAT HE MAY NEED TO PURSUE OTHER AVENUES WITH THIS ISSUE. LOU WILL REPORT BACK..

CSJ ESSAY CONTEST:

C. LUCIE REPORTS THAT THE PAPERS ARE OUT FOR THIS AND WE WOULD LIKE ALL TO GET INVOLVED. CHARLIE MAY NEED MORE JUDGES AS THE TIME GOES ALONG. **JOHN WOULD LIKE TO RENAME THE CONTEST IN JOHN DABBENES HONOR. JO COHEN MOVED TO RENAME THE ANNUAL CONTEST AFTER JOHN AND THIS WAS SECONDED BY KEITH WILSON AND PASSED.**

BELLA LINGUA:

CHARLIE LUCIE THANKED MARY ANN RISPOLI FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BELLA LINGUA AND GETTING IT OUT TO THE DIST CHAIRS. DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT HOW THE LITERATURE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT HE DID NOT GET THIS INFO NEEDED.

L'ASTORIA BOOKS

CARL CIACCIO WILL GET A 20% DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR THIS AND GET TO JOHN FRATTA FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS. WE WILL NEED 125 BOOKS.

HOLOCAUST REPORT:

VINCE MARMORALE REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE SPEAKING ON HIS FILM AT THE ROCHESTER CASA ITALIANA. HE NOW HAS MOVIE IN 8 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AS THIS IS INTER ACTIVE ALSO. HE THAKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS ENDEAVOR AND JOHN FRATTA REFERENCES TONY D'URSO ON THE RECENT ARTICLE ABOUT HIS BEING AN ITALIAN OF DISTINCTION FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

CONVENTION:

JOHN REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT WE WILL HAVE A TABLE AT THE STATE CONVENTION AND ELEANOR WILL BE LOOKING FOR ALL TO HELP AT TABLE FOR OUR ITEMS FOR TAKING OR SELLING.

SPEAKING:

TOM ADAMO REPORTS THAT JOHN FRATTA WILL SPEAK AT THE NEXT CABOTO LODGE BUSINESS BREAKFAST ON FEB 28 AT THE MEDITERANEAN DINER IN BELLMORE. 8 AM START AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. SEE TOM FOR PAYMENT.

VIDEO LIBRARY:

LOU GALLO IS LOOKING FOR INFO ON THIS LIBRARY AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC ON WEBSITE. WE WILL NEED TO GET AN ESTIMATE FOR THIS AS WELL.

LOU GALLO REQUESTED FUNDS FOR LOU DELBIANCO APPEARANCE AT BRUMIDI LODGE ON APRIL 29. THIS WAS REFERRED BACK TO THE DIST. 1 PRESIDENTS TO FUND AND NOT THE EXEC. BOARD CSJ LEVEL AS PER THE STATE PRESIDENT. LOU ASKED JOHN TO TRY TO GET INFO OUT QUICKER WHEN ISSUES ARISE. JOHN SAID HE WILL DO THIS AS BEST WE CAN.

DIST REPORTS:

- 1- C. LUCIE REPORTS THAT HE HAD THE LAST MEETING LAST SATURDAY AND THE ESSAY CONTEST WAS DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME.
- 2- M PRINCE REPORTS THAT SHE HAS A FLYER FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH FROM NORTH HEMPSTEAD AND WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE THIS FOR OSDIA AS WELL. JOHN ASKED HER TO PURSUE THIS AND REPORT BACK. LOU GALLO TOLD THE BOARD THAT THIS IS HOW WE STARTED IN BROOKHAVEN.
- 3- TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT CARL CIACCIO IS NOW THE NEW CO CHAIR FOR DIST 3 CSJ LIAISONS. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR \$50.00 DONATION FOR EACH LODGE TO SUBSIDIZE THE CSJ DIST WORK. TONY REPORTS THAT WE HAVE SOME D3 LODGES WO A LIAISON. JOHN WILL FOLLOW UP WITH BRONX SCHOOLS FOR CSJ WORK. JOHN REPORTS THAT WE WILL SKYPE THE NEXT MEEITGN ON APRIL 10 AND HE WILL SPEAK TO LUIGI ABOUT THIS SET UP.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 10:00 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON

ATTACHMENTS

