

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2018
K OF C HALL FARMINGDALE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
PLEDGE AND PRAYER WERE LED BY KEITH WILSON.
MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBBAGY
- K WILSON
- J VALLONE
- J GROVE
- M RISPOLI
- C LUCIE
- L GALLO
- T CORSELLO
- C CIACCIO
- J COHEN
- T ROTOLI
- T ADAMO
- V MARMORALE
- E BOCHYNSKI
- ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSED AS FOLLOWS:

- **WEBSITE:**

KEITH WILSON MENTIONS THAT HE LOOKED AT THE CSJ WEBSITE TODAY AND UPDATES ARE NEEDED. JOHN WILL HAVE KEITH RECEIVE ITEMS AND PUT THEM UP WITH TERRY TANZER ASSISTANCE AND APPROVALS FROM CHAIRMAN OF CSJ AND OUR STATE PRESIDENT. ALL CONCURRED. OTHERS ON BOARD WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION AS WELL. KEITH ALSO PASSED OUT THE LATEST CSJ DIRECTORY TO ALL PRESENT.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **SOUTHAMPTON ISSUES:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT WE ATTENDED THE APRIL BOARD MEETING OUT THERE AND SOME SPOKE AGAINST THE COLUMBUS DAY CALENDAR BEING CHANGED TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. WE HAVE A WORKING GROUP LED BY ROCCO CARRIERO THERE AND THEY ARE JUST AGAINST THIS CHANGE AS WELL. LOU G SPOKE TO THE UPCOMING BOARD ELECTIONS AND TWO CANDIDATES ARE VYING FOR ONE SEAT. THEY ARE BOTH IN AGREEMENT WITH US ON THE ISSUE. THERE WILL BE A LETTER WRITTEN BY MIKE SANTO PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHAMPTON PRESS AND WE ARE PAYING FOR HALF THE AD AS CARRIEROS GROUP IS PAYING THE OTHER HALF. THE LETTER REFLECTS TOLERANCE AND DIVERISTY. CHARLIE LUCIE SUGGESTS THAT THE LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL. JOHN SAYS THAT IT WILL BE. WE WILL NOT ENDORSE BOARD CANDIDATES AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH WHOMEVER WINS. LOU HAS BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK AT

SOUTHAMPTON ROTARY AND OTHER GROUPS ON THIS ISSUE. SOME GROUPS OUT THERE WILL BE CIRCULATING PETITIONS AS WELL AGAINST THE CHANGE OF CALENDAR.

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JOHN IS TRYING TO GET A MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THIS HOLIDAY CALENDAR CHANGE ISSUE THAT THEY HAVE APPROVED FOR THE ABILITY FOR DISTRICTS CHANGING CALENDARS AS NEEDED.

JOANNE GROVE SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO REACH OUT TO MILLENIALS ON THIS ISSUE THRU FACEBOOK PAGE THAT WE HAVE. SHE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT WE REACH OUT TO SOUTHAMPTON MOMS GROUP FOR SUPPORT AS WELL.

- **TREASURY REPORT:**

JOE VALLONE PRESENTED THE TREASURY REPORT AS ATTACHED. REVIEWED THE O/S CHECKS AND BALANCES AS PRESENTED FOR MARCH 31 STATEMENTS. CORRECTIONS WERE MADE TO DIST BALANCES AS NEEDED. ALL CONCURRED. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT TREASURERS REPORT AND SECONDED BY J GROVE AND PASSED. DISCUSSION ENSUED AS TO THE M/S ACCOUNT AND OUR REVENUE THAT WE GET MONTHLY. JOHN WILL CLARIFY WITH INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. JOHN ADVISED JOE THAT THE ACCOUNT CHECKS HAVE TO REFLECT THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND LODGE NOT JOE VALLONE HOME ADDRESS. WE WILL CHANGE AS NEEDED AS WELL AS THE STATEMENTS GOING TO THE GL OFFICE.

- **F/S REPORT:**

J. GROVE PASSED OUT THE ATTACHED F/S REPORT WHICH INCLUDED THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW YEAR. THE CONFERENCE MEETING AND TRAVEL BUDGET WAS DECREASED TO ONLY \$1,000.00 FOR THE LINE ITEM AND A LINE ITEM WAS ADDED FOR THE "DABBENE: ESSAY CONTEST THAT WE ARE NOW HOLDING. ALL CONCURRED WITH THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS. KEITH WILSON REMINDS JOANNE THAT THE AMENDED BUDGET HAS TO BE IN JOHNS HANDS FOR THE CONVENTION TO APPROVE AT THE CSJ REPORT TIME. JOHN WILL MAKE THIS PART OF HIS REPORT IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET FOR DELEGATES REVIEW. ALL CONCURRED. MOTION TO ACCEPT FS REPORT AND 2018-19 BUDGET MADE BY TOM ADAMO SECONDED BY K WILSON AND APPROVED.

- **FUNDRAISER:**

JOHN ASKED BOARD FOR INPUT FOR A CSJ FUNDRAISER. SOME IDEAS WERE NIGHT AT THE RACES, DINNER EXTRAVANGANZA, BUISNESS DONATIONS AND OTHERS. BOARD AGREED UPON NIGHT AT THE RACES AND COMMITTEE FORMED OF ELEANOR, TONY ROTOLI, JOE VALLONE AND JOANNE GROVE WAS FORMED. THEY WILL LOOK INTO AFTER JOHN GETS WITH STATE PRESIDENTS APPROVAL.

- **CALENDAR:**

ELEANOR JOBBAGY REPORTS THAT THE FINAL PROOF FOR THE CALENDAR WILL BE WEDNESDAY AND THEN GIVEN TO PRINTER FOR 1000 COPIES TO BE MADE. THIS WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION FOR \$10.00 PER COPY. WE HAVE RECEIVED ONE SPONSOR FOR \$500.00 TO PRINT CALENDAR FROM ROSLYN HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME BRO JOE VELLOTTI. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO EXPEND UP TO \$1600.00 FOR CALENDAR PRINTING SECONDED BY JO COHEN AND PASSED. COMMITTEE TOLD BOARD THAT THIS LOOKS VERY NICE AND WILL BE A GREAT POSITIVE IMAGE PIECE.

- **LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST:**

K. WILSON EXPLAINS TO THE BOARD WHY THE AFFAIR WAS CANCELLED. LACK OF RESPONSE FROM LEGISLATORS AND NOT ENOUGH INTEREST. JOHN FEELS WE SHOULD HAVE A LOBBY DAY. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE DO THIS LOCALLY AND ASSIGN BOARD MEMBERS AS CONSTITUENTS TO THEIR LOCAL LEG OFFICES. ALL CONCURRED. TIMEFRAME WILL BE IN OCTOBER BEFORE ELECTIONS. WE WILL TRY TO GET DEPOSIT BACK FROM LEGION HALL.

- **FEBRUARY LUNCHEON:**

JO COHEN REPORTS THAT WE NETTED \$7,475.00 AFTER ALL WAS PAID ON THE AFFAIR AT RUSSO'S ON THE BAY. ALL ENJOYED THE AFFAIR. KEITH WILSON COMPLIMENTED JO ON THE AFFAIR AND TOLD THE BOARD THAT THE LITERATURE TABLE WAS NOT NEEDED AT THE AFFAIR AT ALL. NEXT TIME WE WILL NOT PURSUE.

- **LITERATURE:**

KEITH ADVISED COMMITTEE THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF PROMOTIONAL POSITIVE IMAGE ITEMS AT THE STORAGE UNIT AND NEED TO GET THESE ITEMS OUT FOR USE TO LODGES AND EXHIBITS. ALL CONCURRED AND ELEANOR SUGGESTED THAT WE USE SOME OF THE ITEMS LIKE WE USED TO AT THE HOFSTRA DAY ALSO.

- **SUOZZI RESOLUTION:**

LOU GALLO PRESENTED A RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD FROM US REP TOM SUOZZI RECONFIRMING COLUMBUS DAY AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY. WHILE THIS IS OK THE BOARD FEELS WE SHOULD PROCEED AND LOOK FOR APPROVALS FROM CONGRESS WITH THIS. SOME FEEL THAT THIS REALLY DOES NOT AMOUNT TOO MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE ON THE ISSUE AS A WHOLE. COPY IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES AND HAS BEEN EMAILED TO ALL. JOE VALLONE MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND SECONDED BY C LUCIE AND PASSED. **JOHN ADVISED BOARD THAT COLORADO LEGISLATURE DEFEATED RESOLUTION TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. A GOOD VICTORY FOR US. OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR MARY FALLON VETOED A BILL TO CHANGE THE NAME AS WELL.**

- **BELLA LINGUA:**

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 8 ARE PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR AND ALL LETTERS ARE OUT. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AS FOLLOWS:

DIST 1 JUNE 13 AT PERRY COMO LODGE MEETING 7PM

DIST 2 JUNE 16 AT M POLO LODGE 10 AM

DIST 3 JUNE 21 AT THE GM MUSEUM 7 PM

DIST 8 NO DATE SET AS YET.

JOHN THANKED MARY ANN FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

- **ESSAY GRANT CONTEST:**

CHARLIE LUCIE REPORTS THAT THE CONTEST HAD 14 APPLICANTS AND 8 AWARDS WERE GIVEN AT \$200.00 EACH TOTALING \$1600.00. THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR AND JOHN THANKED CHARLIE AND COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. CHARLIE THANKED HIS COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT JOB ON THIS PROJECT.

- **STATEN ISLAND HUSTLER:**

CARL CIACCIO ADVISED THE BOARD THAT A PROGRAM ON CNBC CALLED "STATEN ISLAND HUSTLER" IS KNOCKING ITALIANS AND MAKING BUFFOONS OUT OF THEM. CARL WILL BE SENDING HIS OWN LETTER OF PROTEST. JOHN EXPLAINS THAT SOME OF THESE ARE LOSING BATTLES AS THE SPONSORS MAKE MONEY FROM THESE SHOWS, BUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO BE RESPECTED AS ITALIAN AMERICANS.

- **DISTRICT CHAIRMANS REPORTS:**

- **DIST 1**

C LUCIE REPORTS THAT THE ESSAY CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED AT VIGGIANO BROS LODGE MEETING IN JUNE.

- **DIST 2**

M. RISPOLI REPORTS THAT BELLA LINGUA WILL BE AWARDED AT M. POLO LODGE JUNE 16 AT

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10 A.M. WE WILL BE GIVING OUT TO THE TEACHERS THAT DAY OUR COLUMBUS DAY REFERENCE BOOK THAT WILL BE UNDERWRITTEN BY CSJ. MARYANN RISPOLI MOVES TO SPEND UP TO \$400.00 ON THE PRINTING OF THE BOOKS WITH REPORT COVERS AS SUGGESTED. SECONDED BY L. GALLO AND PASSED.

- **DIST 3:**

T. CORSELLO REPORTS THAT BELLA LINGUA WILL BE AWARDED AT GM MUSEUM ON JUNE 21 AT 7:00 PM ALL INVITED. THEY WILL ALSO BE GIVING DANTE MEDALS AS WELL THAT EVENING. CARL CIACCIO REPORTS THAT LETTERS WERE SENT OUT TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS FOR AWARDS FROM DIST 3 CSJ TWO SCHOOLS WILL BE RECEIVING FROM THAT MAILING. FARRELL AND ST. BURNADETTES SCHOOL. CARL CIACCIO REFERENCED A TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE ABOUT NEW ORLEANS WANTING TO REMOVE A GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE STATUE AS THIS COMPARES TO THE COLUMBUS ISSUE AS WELL.

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT STUYVESANT H/S IS ELIMINATING THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND HE AND ROBERT FERRITO WILL BE MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

- **HOFSTRA:**

ELEANOR JOBBAGY GAVE ALL THE HOFSTRA DAY DATE WHICH IS SEPTEMBER 16 ON A SUNDAY. ALL WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

KEITH WILSON MOVED TO SPEND \$1486.00 FOR 50% OF THE SOUTHAMPTON AD WHICH WE ARE TAKING. SECONDED BY ELEANOR JOBBAGY AND PASSED BY THE BOARD.

- **QUICKBOOKS ACCOUNTING:**

JOANNE GROVE ASKS FOR APPROVAL TO SPEND UP TO \$15.00 PER MONTH FOR QUICKBOOKS PROGRAM FOR CSJ ACCOUNTING AS NEEDED. SECONDED BY JOE VALLONE AND PASSED. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING IT FREE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THIS IS EXPIRING.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 12 AT THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY
ATTACHMENTS

