

**NYSCSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
7-30-2018  
G/L OFFICE**

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

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **T ADAMO**
- **C CIACCIO**
- **T CORSELLO**
- **J PARAZZELLI**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **A ROTOLI**

ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE NOT PRESENT.

JOHN HANDED OUT THE MEETING AGENDA.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONE CORRECTION  
AND PASSED.

THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE. AN ARTICLE FROM ITALIAN AMERICAN  
MAGAZINE ON NATIONAL CSJ WAS HANDED OUT TO UPDATE ALL ON NATIONAL  
ISSUES.

**FINANCIALS:**

ELEANOR JOBBAGY UPDATED THE BOARD ON ACCOUNTS. CHECKING BALANCE AS  
OF JUNE 29 WAS \$11,212.63

- DIST 1 ON HAND \$1,014.73
- DIST 2 ON HAND \$1,348.95
- DIST 3 ON HAND \$1,026.00

THESE AMOUNTS WILL BE VERIFIED BY ELEANOR WHEN SHE MEETS WITH JOANNE  
GROVE. WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT HAS \$114,000.00 ON HAND AS WELL.

ELEANOR UPDATED THE BOARD ON SIGNATORIES BEING UPDATED.

JOHN, ELEANOR, KEITH AND JOE V ARE ALLOWED TO SIGN AS NEEDED.

LOU G WAS REMOVED AS SIGNER AND REMAINS ON THE SAVE COLUMBUS ACCOUNT  
AS OF NOW. DISCUSSION WAS HLED HOW THE DISTRICTS REPLENSIH MONEY AND IT  
WAS REPORTED THAT THE LODGES ARE ASSESSED FOR DONATIONS REQUESTED.  
TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT IT IS GETTING HARDER TO RAISE MONEY AND  
PARTICIPATION FOR CSJ DISTRICT EVENTS.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT BY KEITH WILSON, SECONDED BY M PRINCE AND  
PASSED.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **CSJ CALENDAR:**

E. JOBBAGY REPORTS THAT THE CALENDAR IS STILL FOR SALE AND WE SOLD 81 AT CONVENTION. WE RECEIVED FUNDS FOR 29 MORE SINCE THEN AS WELL. THE DONATION FOR THE CALENDARS FROM ROSLYN HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED. SOME CLERICAL ERRORS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE COMMITTEE AND WILL BE RECTIFIED AT 2020 PRINTING.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

#### **JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **NYU ISSUE:**

JOHN SPOKE TO MIKE SANTO ABOUT THIS BIAS REPORT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE AND MIKE FEELS IT IS A PERSONAL ISSUE AND NOT FOR US TO GET INVOLVED AFTER LOOKING INTO IT.

##### **CLOSED CHURCHES:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE NY DIOCESES ARE CLOSING MANY CHURCHES IN ITALIAN AREAS. THE DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE CHANGED AND THIS IS REALITY NOW. THE PRESIDENT OF THE STELLA D'ORO LODGE TOLD JOHN AT THE RECENT PLENARY THAT SHE BROUGHT THIS UP SOME YEARS AGO AS THIS WAS GOING ON UPSTATE AS WELL AND NEVER ADDRESSED. JOHN WILL MEET WITH ROBERT AND JOE SCIAME ON THIS MATTER AND DISCUSS. TOM ADAMO ASKED HOW MANY NON ITALIAN AREA CHURCHES ARE BEING LEFT OPEN IN LIEU OF THIS?

THE BOARD AND CHAIRMAN AS OF NOW FEEL THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD NOT PURSUE AT THIS TIME AS BISHOPS WORK AUTONOMOUSLY AND WILL PROBABLY NOT REVERSE THE DECISION.

##### **NATIONAL PLENARY:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE AND KEITH WILL ATTEND THE NATIONAL PLENARY IN MARYLAND, AND REPORT UPDATES TO THE NATIONAL ON CSJ. JOHN WILL DO THIS AS CHAIRMAN THROUGH OUR PRESIDENT ROBERT. WE WILL BRING SOME CALENDARS TO SEE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE.

THE NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE NATIONAL PLENARY AND SOME FEEL CONCERNED THAT PRES. T. ROOSEVELT AT THE TIME AND THE NY TIMES CALLED THIS A GOOD THING TO HAVE BEEN DONE. WE WANT RECTIFIED SOON WITH PROPER APOLOGIES. THIS INVOLVED A POLICE CHIEF BEING KILLED AS WELL AFTER SAYING "DAGOS DID THIS" IN A CRIMINAL MATTER.

##### **COLUMBUS STATUES AND HOLIDAY:**

THE COLUMBUS CIRCLE AREA HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR LANDMARK STATUS. WE AWAIT DISCOVERY IN THIS ISSUE. THE SOUTHAMPTON ISSUE HAS BEEN MONITORED BY ROCCO CARRERO WHO WANTS TO MEET WITH JOHN, ROBERT AND LOU GALLO SOON ABOUT THIS MATTER AS THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPLACE SOME BOARD MEMBERS NOT ALLIGNED WITH US ON THIS MATTER. THE SUOZZI ISSUE AND RESOLUTION WE RECEIVED MOST FELT WAS JUST LIP SERVICE AND NOT STRONG SUPPORT OF OUR VALUES AS NEEDED. JOHN ALSO REPORTS THAT APPLE I PHONES ON CALENDARS NOW HAVE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY LISTED WITH COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. WE NEED TO STAY STRONG ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL.

**FEBRUARY BRUNCH:**

JOHN REMINDS ALL THAT SUNDAY FEB. 24 2019 IS THE BRUNCH AND ASKS FOR SUGGESTED HONOREES. SOME INCLUDED FR. CAROZZA, JOE VELOTI AND SOME FEEL CORPORATE PEOPLE MIGHT BE A HELP. JOHN WILL DISCUSS WITH ROBERT AND WE WILL DISCUSS AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

**ALBANY LOBBY:**

ED BOCHYNSKI ASKS ABOUT ALBANY LOBBY DAY AND FOLLOW UP JOHN FEELS WE SHOULD GO IN SPRING OF 2019 AND VISIT WITH THEM. WE ARE ALSO STILL WAITING ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS ASSIGNMENTS TO COME DOWN FOR THE SAME REASON.

**BELLA LINGUA:**

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT ALL WENT WELL AND DIST 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 8 PARTICIPATED. SOME FEEL COMMUNICATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM COULD BE BETTER AS SOME CONFUSED THIS WITH THE ESSAY CONTEST. THE AWARDS CEREMONIES ARE HELD AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND COULD BE BETTER ATTENDED. WE WILL TRY TO IMPROVE TURNOUT NEXT YEAR. FOOD EXPENSES WERE HELD AND JOHN SUGGESTED THAT THE CSJ COULD UNDERWRITE UP TO \$150.00 FOR FOOD AT THE AWARDS DAY IN THE DISTRICTS. THIS WAS MOVED BY TONY ROTOLI AND SECONDED BY CARL CIACCIO AND PASSED. LETTERS GO OUT IN JANUARY.

**JOHN DABBENE MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST:**

JOHN FEELS THAT WE NEED TO CONDUCT THIS AT A DIFFERENT TIME THEN BELLA LINGUA AWARDS. THE BOARD DECIDED TO START THIS IN SEPTEMBER AND HAVE THE AWRDS IN DECEMBER. ALL AGREED. HE WILL COMMUNICATE THIS TO CHARLIE LUCIE. THIS APPLIES TO 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS AND HS SENIORS CATEGORICALLY.

**HOFSTRA DAY:**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THIS DAY IS SEPTEMBER 16TH FROM 11-5 PM AND WE WILL HAVE THE USUAL TABLES FOR DISPLAYS. OUR STATE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THIS AND LOU GALLO MAY DO HISTORY IN A BOX AS WELL. WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP COVER TABLES AND GIVE OUT LITERATURE.

**NIGHT AT THE RACES:**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THE EVENT IS GOING SLOW ONLY 6 TO DATE HAVE SIGNED UP. PLEASE GET SUPPORT FOR THIS AFFAIR. THIS WILL HELP SUPPLEMENT CSJ COLUMBUS DAY EXPENSES. \$25.00 PER PERSON IS COST. SHE HAS NAMED HORSES AFTER BOARD MEMBERS. THIS WILL BE HELD 9-8-2018. WE WILL ASK TONY DICOSTANZA TO DO ANOTHER E-MAIL UPDATE AS NEEDED.

**DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:**

- 1- TONY ROTOLI REPORTS FOR C LUCIE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 11 AT SMITHTOWN LIBRARY.10 AM
- 2- MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT JEAN GAGLIARDOS HOUSE ON AUGUST 16. HE READ A THANK YOU CARD FROM VICTOR ALGRETTI FOR THE BELLA LINGUA AWARD GIVEN.
- 3- TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT NOTHING IS SCHEDULED TO DATE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ONE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS:**

***KEITH WILSON REMINDS ALL THAT WE MUST SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AS PER STATE PRESIDENTS DIRECTIVE AND ALL ISSUES THAT ARE ADDRESSED VERBALLY OR IN WRITING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GL OFFICE STAFF FOR HIS APPROVAL AS NOT TO HAVE MEMBERS ACTING ON THEIR OWN DISCRETION WHEN USING OSDIA NAME ON CORRESPONDENCE. THE COMPLAINT DIRECTORY GUIDELINES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AGAIN AS PER JOHN F.***

MARIANNE PRINCE SUGGESTS THAT WE HAVE CAROL SORACI WHALEN AS AN HONOREE AT THE BRUNCH AS THIS IS OUR FOUNDERS GRAND NIECE AND SHE BELONGS TO AMERICA LODGE. JOHN ASKED HER TO LOOK INTO PRELIMINARILY AND REPORT BACK.

SHE ALSO IS LOOKING INTO GETTING A PICTURE OF THE FIRST GL VENERABLE ANTONIO GULOTTA. JOHN REFERRED HER TO JOE SCELISA OF THE I/A MUSEUM ON THIS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

MARIANNE SUGGESTED PUTTING BELLA LINGUA CONTEST ON PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WEBSITES. MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THIS IS DIFFICULT AS THE CHILDREN ARE PICKED NOT VIA APPLICATION. SHE ALSO HAD LITERATURE FOR ELLIS ISLAND LEGACY PROJECT FOR OUR NAME TO APPEAR AT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY MUSEUM. COST WOULD BE \$250.00 FOR CSJ NAME ON PLATE. ED BOCHYNSKI MOVES TO EXPEND UP TO \$250.00 FOR THIS PROJECT AND SECONDED BY JANIS PARAZZELLI AND PASSED. JOHN WILL CHECK WITH ROBERT ON THIS BEFORE EXPENDING FUNDS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9:50 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 14, 2018 AT THE GL OFFICE.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

**KEITH WILSON  
REC SECT.  
ATTACHMENTS**

