

ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
8-14-2018
GL OFFICE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PLEDGE AND PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON
MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD
ROLL CALL SHOWS THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- L GALLO
- V MARMORALE
- M PRINCE
- M RISPOLI
- C CIACCIO
- T ADAMO
- M SANTO
- J COHEN

ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE NOT PRESENT
THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

ELEANOR REPORTS FOR JOE VALLONE THAT WE HAVE AS OF JULY 31, 2018
\$11,412.03 IN CHECKING AND \$3,834.39 IN SAVINGS. JOE CARRINO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE
NECESSARY BANK STATEMENTS AND PAPERS FOR THE TAX FILINGS AS REQUESTED.
K. WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT FIN. REPORT SECONDED BY M PRINCE AND PASSED.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**

PASSED OUT DRAFT PF MIKE SANTO SUGGESTED COMPLAINT DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS. WE
WILL DISCUSS UNDER REPORTS.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

HE AND KEITH ATTENDED NATIONAL PLENARY IN VA AND ALL WENT WELL. WE ARE NO DOUBT
THE LEADING CSJ IN THE COUNTRY AND ARE PROUD OF THIS FACT. NATIONAL WANTS TO GET
A SAVE COLUMBUS DAY COALITION TOGETHER AND JOHN COMMENTS HOW HE HAS BEEN
ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS AS WE IN NY HAVE THIS FORMED ALREADY. HE AND OUR
STATE PRES ROBERT WILL BE GOING TO MASSACHUSETTES IN SEPTEMBER FOR ORGANIZING
COLUMBUS ISSUE ACTIVITIES UP THERE AS WELL. JOHN DELIVERED THE COLUMBUS DYA
PETITIONS THAT WE HAD READY TO GO AND LEFT WITH NATIONAL OFFICE.

- **NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE BROUGHT THIS ISSUE UP AT NATIONAL CSJ REPORT IN VA AND HE
HAS BEEN ASKED TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS FOR NATIONAL. THIS INVOLVES THE BIGGEST
ITALIAN LYNCHING IN AMERICAN HISTORY IN 1891 AND THE ITALIANS THAT WERE LYNCHED
HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY APOLOGIES AND WE WANT THAT RECTIFIED FROM THE MAYOR
AND GOVERNOR AS WELL AS A MARKER IN THEIR MEMORY PLACED AT THE SITE OF THIS
ATROCITY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE US AT THE TIME WAS BENJAMIN HARRISON AND NOTHING
WAS EVER EXPRESSED ON THIS ISSUE.

SOME PEOPLE WENT EVEN AS FAR TO PRAISE THE LYNCHING AT THE TIME LIKE PRES
ROOSEVELT LATER ON IN OFFICE. JOHN ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SAVE COLUMBUS DAY
COALITION HAS FILED FOR COLUMBUS CIRCLE TO BE DECLARED A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND
THEN THIS CANNOT BE ALTERED FOR FUTURE CONFLICTS OR OPINIONS. UNICO HAS GIVEN
\$50,000.00 FOR THIS CAUSE AND JOHN ASKS BOARD THEIR OPINIONS ON HOW MUCH WE MAY
BE ABLE TO SUGGEST FOR THIS ISSUE TO OUR FOUNDATION.

SOME PEOPLE FELT THAT \$ 16,000.00 OR ONE THIRD MIGHT BE A GOOD SUGGESTION. JO COHEN REMINDED ALL THAT YEARS AGO WE HAD AN ADVISORY BOARD FOR REVENUE ENHANCEMENT. JOHN WILL TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT TO FOUNDATION. JOHN FEELS THAT NATIONAL SHOULD GIVE SOME MONEY AS WELL. JOHN MENTIONED AT THE NATIONAL PLENARY THAT EDUCATION/ACADEMIA IS HURTING OUR CAUSE AS WELL.

MARIANNE PRINCE MENTIONS THAT NY CITY IS DEDICATING A STREET IN THE NAME OF JOHN JACQUES DELLASINES AND THIS IS WRONG AS HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A HAITIAN MASSACRE IN 1804 WHERE OVER 5000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THIS CONFLICTS RIDICULING COLUMBUS AND GLORIFYING ANOTHER KILLER DESPOT FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. JOHN ALSO REPORTS THAT NATIONAL IS MAKING A ONE PAGE FACT SHEET FOR COLUMBUS ISSUE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. JOHN ALSO WAS TOLD BY THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION THAT COLUMBUS DAY WAS CHANGED TO ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY THERE AND FEELS THAT THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE GL OFFICE STAFF IN NY WILL ASSIST WITH SOME OF THE ADMIN. WORK ON THIS AS WELL.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- **CALENDARS:**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT WE NOW HAVE 158 SOLD AND HAVE ALMOST RECOUPED OUR EXPENSES ON THIS PROJECT.WE WILL SELL AT HOFSTRA AND OCT. PLENARY IF ALLOWED.

- **SUOZZI RESO. UPDATE:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT HE ASKED MIKE FLORIO TO HAVE REP SUOZZI SUBMIT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLUMBUS DAY IN CONGRESS AND DECLARE FULL NATIONAL UN CHANGED HOLIDAY. SOME FELT WHAT WAS PRESENTED WAS ONLY LIP SERVICE FOR US AND NOT REALLY WHAT WE WANTED. KEITH FEELS WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH FROM SUOZZI AS THIS IS NOT WHAT WE REALLY ARE LOOKING FOR.

- **HOFSTRA DAY:**

ELEANOR REPORTS SEPT. 16 FROM 11-5 IS THE DAY WITH EXHIBITS FROM ALL OSDIA GROUPS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM OUR STATE PRES. AND OTHERS. WE WILL BE THERE ALL DAY FOR EVENT. PLEASE ATTEND TO ASSIST THAT DAY.

- **NIGHT AT THE RACES:**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THIS IS SEPT. 8 IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH IN FRESH MEADOWS 7 PM START FOR \$20.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR AS FUNDING IS NEEDED.

- **ESSAY CONTEST:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE SPOKE WITH CHARLIE LUCIE AND THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AND THE BOARD APPROVED MOTION BY KEITH WILSON TO HOLD THE ESSAY CONTEST IN OCTOBER AND WINNERS PICKED IN NOVEMBER AND AWARDS GIVEN IN THE LATE SPRING TIME FRAME. THIS WAS SECONDED BY J COHEN AND PASSED. JOHN WILL ADVISE CHARLIE ON THIS CHANGE. THIS WILL ALLEVAITE THE CONFUSION WITH BELLA LINGUA TIMING.

- **COMPLAINT DIRECTORY:**

K WILSON DISCUSSES THE REVISED COMPLAINT DIRECTORY FROM MIKE SANTO AS JOHN ASKED TO GIVE OUT COPIES ALL WILL REVIEW AND SUBMIT AMENDMENTS AND AFTR JOHN AND ROBER APPROVE WE WILL PUT INTO USE FOR ALL ISSUES THAT ARISE WITH REPORTING FORM AS WELL FOR MEMBERS USE.JOHN WILL ASK ALL VIA EMAIL TO APPROVE SHORTLY.

- **CSJ INFORMATION BROCHURE:**

KEITH AND MARIANNE REPORT THAT WE ARE ALSMOT DOEN UPDATING BROCHURE FOR INFO USE THE BOARD FEELS WE SHOULD GET 4000 PRINTED AS WE WILL BE USING MANY THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. MARIANNE WILL BE GOING TO THE PRINTER AND FINALIZING DETAILS FOR THIS, THE WE WILL ORDER AFTER CAROL REIVEWS IN THE OFFICE.

- **FEB. LUNCHEON HONOREES:**

BOARD DISCUSSES HONOREES FOR THE LUNCHEON. ONE WILL BE DR CAROL SURACE WHALEN WHO IS A MEMBER OF AMERICA LODGE AND DR SELLAROS GRAND NIECE. KEITH WILSON SUGGESTED CAROL DITRAPANI AND LOU GALLO SUGGESTED GRUCCI FIREWORKS FAMILY. CARL CIACCIO SUGGESTED ALPHONSE SALLOW AN ARCHITECHT FOR THE GMM IN S.I. LOU SUGGESTS SUB COMMITTEE WHICH JOHN ASKED HIM TO CHAIR FOR HONOREES REVIEW AND REPORT AT SEPT MEETING. THOSE WHO ACCEPT WILL GET A LETTER FROM US TO ACCEPT BEING HONORED.

- **VIDEO LIBRARY:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN OVER 5 REQUESTS FOR VIDEOS AND HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THEM. WE HAVE ONE FOR NOVEMBER AS WELL. WE WILL PUT THIS ON THE CSJ WEBSITE AS WELL FOR USAGE BY ALL.

- **DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:**

D1- LOU GALLO REPORTS FOR C. LUCIE AS HE WAS EXCUSED. AUGUST 11 MEETING WAS HELD AND ESSAY CONTEST WAS DISCUSSED. SCHOOLS THAT WILL BE INVOLVED THIS YEAR IS SACHEM, SMITHTOWN, KINGS PARK, AND MIDDLE COUNTRY. MIDDLE SCHOOLS WILL BE INVOLVED THIS YEAR AS WELL. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPT 22.

D2- MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS FOR JEAN GAGLIARDO THAT E-MAILS WERE SENT TO ALL DIST. 2 PRESIDENTS FOR FILLING ALL THE OPEN LIASIONS SLOTS AND WILL FOLLOW UP. NEXT MEETING IS AUG 16 AT JEAN'S HOUSE IN BETHPAGE. JOHN FRATTA WILL BE SENDING A LETTER TO ALL LIASIONS AS TO THEIR COMMITMENT TO CSJ. KEITH SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE A MEETING WITH ALL LIASIONS AND EXEC. BOARD TO PUT ALL ON SAME PAGE FOR ISSUES AND COMMITMENTS.

D3- CARL CIACCIO REPORTS FOR TONY CORSELLO THAT IT HAS ALSO BEEN DIFFICULT GETTING LIASIONS TO ATTEND MEETINGS. MANY DO NOT DRIVE AT NIGHT AND CARL WILL PICK THEM UP WHEN ABLE. JOHN SUGGESTS HAVING THE DIST 3 MEETING IN LINE WITH THE D3 PRES MEETINGS. ALL OTHER CHAIRS WERE EXCUSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY KEITH WILSON TO RENT THE COLUMBUS COSTUME FOR LOU GALLO USAGE THIS YEAR AT A COST OF UP TO \$400.00 SECONDED BY ELEANOR AND PASSED. ONE BEING MADE WILL NOT BE READY FOR OCTOBER AS THE SEAMSTRESS IS ILL.

MOTION TO PAY JOHN FRATTA \$305.91 FOR TRAVEL AND LODGING FOR NATIONAL PLENARY EXPENSES AND KEITH WILSON \$125.00 FOR OVERNITE NYC PARKING GARAGE. MOVED BY M. PRINCE AND SECONDED BY MARYANN RISPOLI AND PASSED BY THE BOARD.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY DATE FOR THE BOARD WILL BE DECEMBER 3 AT CIMINELLIES IN BETHPAGE. 7-10 P.M.

THE NEXT EXEC. BOARD WILL BE SEPT. 11 AT THE GL OFFICE.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY.

