

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK
NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10-09-2018 G/L/OFFICE**

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

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- J VALLONE
- M SANTO
- J COHEN
- M PRINCE
- T ADAMO
- M RISPOLI
- L GALLO
- E BOCHYNSKI
- V MARMORALE
- T CORSELLO
- C LUCIE
- T ROTOLI

THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE NOT PRESENT
THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED

TREASURER REPORT

E JOBBAGY REPORTED FOR JOE \$7,574.35 IN THE ACCOUNT
ELEANOR RETURNED THE TREASURERS BOOKS AND INFO TO JOE V.
KEITH REMINDED ALL THAT JOHN, ELEANOR, JOE AND KEITH ARE NOW THE SIGNATORIES FOR
THE ACCOUNT.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

JOHN FRATTA WELCOMED BACK JOE VALLONE
JOHN REMINDED ALL THAT NOW THE BANK STATEMENTS WILL GO TO THE GL OFFICE AND
THEN BE FORWARDED TO JOE V.

COLUMBUS ISSUES:

JOHN ANNOUNCED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE NYC STATUE HAS BEEN LANDMARKED AND
CAN NOW NOT BE MOVED OR AMENDED. A MARKER MAY STILL GO THERE BUT WILL BE MUCH
MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH. THIS WAS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE ISSUE OF
COLUMBUS.

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE ATTENDED THE PENNSYLVANIA COLUMBUS DAY PARADE AND THE
STATUES IN PA. WERE VANDALIZED BY SOME BODY OR GROUP. JOHN REMINDS ALL THAT
INDIAN PROPERTY DOES NOT PAY PROPERTY TAXES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO ALL THESE
REVISIONS TO HISTORY ARE NOT FOUNDED IN TRUTH. LOU GALLO AND MIKE SANTO
DISCUSSED THE NEEDED APPROACH AND HOW TO BEST HANDLE THIS ISSUE WITH HEAD ON
RESPONSES FOR ALL GOING ON. ELEANOR J RECOMMENDS A LETTER TO THE BUREAU OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

JOHN REMINDS ALL THAT WE NEED REVENUE TO HANDLE THIS FIGHT AGAINST INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE FOR THEIR OWN DAY NOT JUST TAKING OUR DAY OF COLUMBUS DAY.

KEITH W REMINDS ALL THAT WE NEED TO ARM OUR RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WITH
INFORMATION ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS IF IN PUBLIC ON THEIR OWN AND NEED SOME

FACTS ABOUT COLUMBUS. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A SEPARATE BROCHURE FOR ALL TO USE WHEN DONE ON COLUMBUS. JOHN AND MIKE REMIND ALL THAT CITY OF ROCHESTER HAS CHANGED THE DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND HAS UPSET MANY PEOPLE IN THE AREA. MIKE FEELS WE MAY WANT TO GO UP THERE AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT FOR CSJ:

TOM ADAMO AND MIKE SANTO MET ABOUT FUNDRAISING FOR CSJ AND TOM FEELS HE COULD RAISE MONEY FOR THE BOARD BY GOING TO SOME BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS HE KNOWS. JOHN WILL GET HIM A LETTER FROM CSJ FOR HIS USE AND LET HIM TRY TO RAISE MONEY. JOHN ASKED MIKE TO PREPARE A BUSINESS PLAN FOR LONG RANGE BUSINESS EFFORT. JOHN MENTIONS THAT WE NEED A 501 C4 TO BE FORMED TO LOBBY AND ADVOCATE ISSUES. WE CAN ALSO USE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

NEW ORLEANS:

JOHN ASKED MIKE SANTO TO FILL THE BOARD IN ON THIS MATTER AND UPDATES: MIKE REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN MET WITH VERY SUPPORTIVE RECEPTION BY THE NEW ORLEANS MAYORS OFFICE AND OTHER PEOPLE HE HAS BEEN TALKING WITH ON THE MATTER OF THE 1891 LYNCHING OF ITALIANS IN LOUISIANA AND THE FACT THAT WE NEVER RECEIVED AN APOLOGY AS ITALIAN AMERICANS. MIKE SAID THERE ALSO IS A POSSIBLE MONUMENT ERECTED FOR THIS MATTER IF ALL GOES AS IT SHOULD. JOHN REPORTS THAT THE NY TIMES SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR THIS AS WELL ON THE ARTICLES THEY HAD WRITTEN. MIKE MAY GO WITH JOHN TO NEW ORLEANS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CASA ITALIANA:

JOHN FEELS THAT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IS NOT USING THIS FACILITY TO PROMOTE ITALIAN GOOD AND THAT WE MAY NEED TO GET MORE INVOLVED ON THIS ISSUE. ONLY ONE BOARD MEMBER IS OF ITALIAN DESCENT AT THIS TIME. JOHN HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH THE COUNSEL GENERAL ON THIS MATTER.

SOUTHAMPTON S/D:

LOU GALLO COMMENTS THAT HE AND MIKE WENT OUT THERE TO A DINNER MEETING AND MET WITH ROCCO CARRIERO AND OTHERS. THEY THEN ATTENDED THE BOARD MEETING WHERE LOU SUGGESTED THAT SCHOOL DIST RESIDENTS TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE AT THE MEETING. A FORMAL LETTER OF COMPLAINT WAS SENT OUT TO THE BOARD BY MIKE ABOUT COLUMBUS DAY BEING CHANGED BACK ON THE CALENDAR. A COPY IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES. JOHN FRATTA REMINDS THE BOARD THAT SEN. GILLIBRAND IS NOT SUPPORTING OUR NEEDS ON THIS ISSUE.

CSJ CALENDARS

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT WE HAVE SOLD 177 TO DATE AND ONLY NEED \$210.00 TO BREAK EVEN FOR THIS PROJECT. WE WILL BRING SOME TO THE PLENARY FOR SALE AS WELL.

HOFSTRA DAY:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT ALL WENT WELL AND A LOT OF LITERATURE WAS GIVEN OUT. WE ALSO HAD CAMP ITALIA THERE AND OUR STATE PRESIDENT WAS THE SPEAKER AT THE OPENING MUSIC CEREMONY. LOU GALLO DID THE HISTORY IN A BOX PROGRAM. KEITH ASKED JOHN AND BOARD IF WE COULD HOLD OUR OWN INFORMATION BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS OF ITALIAN LIKE WE HAD AT HOFSTRA ON A DIFFERENT DAY. JOHN ASKED VINCE MARMORALE TO LOOK INTO WITH HIS TEACHING CONTACTS IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS AND RECEIVING FREE LITERATURE. VINCE WILL LET US KNOW AND THEN WE WILL FORMULATE PLANS IF NEED BE. VINCE ALSO REVIEWED HIS PROGRAM FOR THE GULOTTA LODGE FOR THEIR NEXT MEETING AND HIS 40 MINUTE MOVIE SHOWING.

BROCHURES:

KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT WE NOW HAVE THE CSJ INFO BROCHURE AVAILABLE AFTER PRINTING AND WILL NOW HAVE SUB COMMITTEE WITH JOHNS APPROVAL OF KEITH, MARIANNE, LOU AND DAVE SETTEDUCATI TO DEVELOP OUR OWN COLUMBUS BROCHURE.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

KEITH WILSON REFERS ALL TO FLYERS FOR OUR PARTY FOR THE CSJ AT CIMINELLIES IN BETHPAGE ON DEC 3 \$40.00 PER PERSON. 7-10 PM

FEB. LUNCHEON:

WE HAVE TWO HONOREES ALREADY AND THEY ARE CAROL SURACE WHALEN AND CAROL DELANEY. THE AFFAIR IS FEB 24 AT RUSSOS AND ELEANOR WILL HANDLE RAFFLES AND MARIANNE WILL HANDLE JOURNAL.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

CHARLIE LUCIE REPORTS THAT THE INFORMATION WENT OUT IN THE LAST PRES MAILING AND FOLLOW UP WILL BE NEXT. THOSE WHO SUBMITTED LAST YEAR WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO RESUBMIT AS WELL AND DEC IS DEADLINE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN MAY WITH OTHER PROGRAM AWARDS.

BELLA LINGUA:

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT SHE HAS A PACKET FOR JOHN TO REVIEW AND THE PROGRAM WILL FORMALLY START IN JANUARY. AWARDS IN MAY AS WELL.

DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:

DIST 1: C. LUCIE REPORTS THAT 7 MIDDLE SCHOOLS WILL PARTICPATE IN DIST CONTEST THIS YEAR.

DIST 2: M RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE NEXT DIST 2 MEETING IS OCT 18 AT JEAN GAGLIARDOS HOUSE AND JEAN WANTED TO STEP DOWN AND JOHN SAID SHE CAN FUNCTION AS IS WITH MARYANN FILLING IN FOR HER.

DIST 3: T. CORSELLO REPORTS THAT HIS NEXT MEETING IS NOV. 8 AT PIRANDELLO LODGE IN BROOKLYN AND HE REFERS ALL TO AN ARTICLE FROM THE DAILY WIRE HE SENT JOHN ON COLUMBUS. COPIES WERE DISTRIBUTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- JOHN ASKED FOR MOTION FOR HALF PAYMENT OF SOUTHAMPTON PRESS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ISSUE OF BIAS AGAINST COLUMBUS CALENDAR COST IS \$1025.00 AND WAS SENT OUT VIA E-MAIL BY KEITH FOR PRIOR APPROVAL. KEITH W SO MOVED SECONDED BY JOE VALLONE AND PASSED.
- JOHN ASKED FOR MOTION TO ADOPT THE REVISED COMPLAINT DIRECTORY AND THIS WAS MOVED BY TONY ROTOLI AND SECONDED BY JO COHEN AND PASSED.
- JOHN WAS REFERRED BY A MEMBER TO THE WEBSITE GOOMBAH BOYS FOR REVIEW. HE WILL LOOK AT SOON. JOE VALLONE ASKED ABOUT GMM BRICKS HONORING TONY CORSELLO AND ELEANOR JOBBAGY ON THE SELLARO AWARD AND HE WILL SEND CHECK AS THIS PASSED FOR TWO \$100.00 BRICKS IN EACH OF THEIR HONOR.
- TONY CORSELLO REMINDS ALL THAT THE LYNBROOK VILLAGE BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH. THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS SINCE 2007.
- LOU GALLO APPRISED BOARD OF SUFFOL COUNTY LEGISLATOR STEVEN FLOTTERTON AND HIS RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN SUFFOLK COUNTY. JOHN LOU AND ROBERT ATTENDED THE CEREMONY. ALL WERE PLEASED.
- MIKE SANTO APPRISED THE BOARD THAT HE HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS COUNSEL TO THE GL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FOUNDATION AS WELL AS HE WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN ON THE CSJ BOARD BUT NOT AS COUNSEL. JOSEPHINE COHEN AND JOHN FRATTA THANKED HIM FOR ALL HIS SERVICE AND THE BOARD DID AS WELL.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CSJ EXEC BOARD WILL BE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13 AT THE GLO AT 7:30 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY.

