

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF EXEC. BOARD MEETING
2-27-2019
GRAND LODGE OFFICE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE OPENING PRAYER WAS SAID AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT

- J FRATTA
- K WILSON
- J VALLONE
- L GALLO
- M PRINCE
- V MARMORALE
- T CORSELLO
- C CIACCIO
- T ADAMO
- M RISPOLI

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED
CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDED THE NEW DIRECTORY AND BILL FROM STORAGE UNIT

TREASURERS REPORT:

J VALLONE GAVE ATTACHED REPORT AND WE ARE STILL AWAITING A CHECK FROM THE FOUNDATION FROM 2018 RUSSO REIMBURSEMENT. WE ALSO NEED THE CHECKS FROM THE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FROM LUIGI ASAP. JOE REPORTED THAT THE D/O INSURANCE IS DUE MAY 8 AND WILL BE ABOUT 700.00. HE WILL PAY IN APRIL.
REPORT ACCEPTED AND FILED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT COLUMBUS ISSUE IS ONGOING AND OCASIO CORTEZ WANTS TO MAKE ELECTION DAY A HOLIDAY AND ELIINATE COLUMBUS DAY AS WELL.

BREAKFAST:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE SPOKE WITH RABBI POTASNIK AT OUR BREAKFAST AND WE MAY BE ABLE TO RESTART THE BREAKFAST WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WITH HIS ASSISTANCE. KEITH ALSO SPOKE WITH RABBI POTASNIK AND HE AGREED AS TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

VINCE MARMORALE REFERENCED AN ARTICLE FROM HILLSDALE COLLEGE ON THE SUBJECT OF NOTRE DAME COLLEGE COVERING UP THE COLUMBUS PICTURES. JOHN REPORTS THAT MANY STUDENTS WANT THEM LEFT THE WAY THEY ARE AND NOT COVERED. A LETTER WAS SENT TO DR JENKINS FROM KEVIN CAIRA NATIONAL CHAIR CSJ AND SOME FELT THAT HIS COMPARISONS WERE A BIT OFF AS TO COLUMBUS AND HIS HISTORY. ATTACHED. WE WILL TRY TO RECTIFY WITH KEVIN.

SOUTHAMPTON:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT MARCH 5 IS THE NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WE NEED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS DISCUSSION. SOME WILL ATTEND ON THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR ISSUE.

CAROL DELANEY:

THE BOARD AFTER MOTION TO APPROVE, HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE CAR FARE FOR CAROL DELANEY FOR BEING ONE OF OUR HONOREES AT THE CSJ LUNCHEON.

COLUMBUS TRIFOLD BROCHURE:

MARIANNE PRINCE REPORTS THAT SHE AND KEITH AND LOU MET WITH THIS TOPIC AND AFTER SOME INFO DISCOVERY WE FOUND THAT NATIONAL LODGE HAS SOME INFO ON THIS AND WE WILL GET COPIES AND THIS MAY ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE. JOHN OR KEITH WILL CONTACT NATIONAL.

COLORADO ISSUE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT HE SPOKE WITH RICH SABELL AND THIS ISSUE IS AGAIN SURFACING AND 7-2 VOTE WAS TAKEN IN COMMITTEE TO CHANGE TO INGD. PEOPLES DAY. LOU GALLO ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE COLUMBUS PETITIONS WE SIGNED AND TURNED IN. JOHN WILL ASK KEVIN CAIRA WHEN HE SPEAKS WITH HIM.

LUNCHEON/JOURNAL:

M PRINCE REPORTS JOURNAL PRELIMINARY NET IS \$5573.05 AND THIS IS A 6% DECREASE FROM 2018 TO 2019. PRINTING COST WAS \$2206.95 AND SOME FELT TICKET PRICE MAY BE TOO HIGH. WE WILL REVIEW NEXT YEAR. HONOREES DISCUSSED NEXT YEAR WILL INCLUDE ROBERT FERRITO AND DEJANA INDUSTRIES AND JO COHEN.

STORAGE ITEMS

TONY CORSELLO ASKS FOR UPDATE ON WHAT WE HAVE IN STOCK. WE FELT THAT IT WORKED GOOD THIS YEAR AS PEOPLE AT HOFSTRA TOOK WHAT THEY WANT AND NOT JUST IN TUBES AS IN THE PAST. WE WILL INCREASE LITERATURE AS IN THE PAST WHEN NEEDED.

NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEING RECOGNIZED MARCH 21 IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND HE THANKED MIKE SANTO FOR PRESSING THIS AND GETTING THIS DONE. JOHN AND ROBERT WILL BE GOING DOWN AS WELL AS VERA GIROLAMI AND MIKE WILL ALSO BE ASKING THE NY TIMES FOR AN APOLOGY IN WRITING. THE MASILLI MUSEUM WILL BE ISSUING THREE PROCLAMATIONS AS WELL.

LIASONS MEETING:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE WANTS TO HAVE A DIST LIASONS MEETING FOR ALL TO GET ORGANIZED AND BE ON THE SAME PAGE. KEITH WILL COMPILE ADDRESSES AND GET READY FOR THE MEETING.

WEBSITE:

BOB GRAHAM AND RISA HOAG ARE NOW HANDLING THE WEBSITE AND FB PAGES AS NEEDED.

STATEN ISLAND LIVE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THIS HAS BEEN CANELLED AND ALL ARE GRATIFIED. BAD SHOW AGAINST ITALIAN AMERICANS. JOHN MENTIONS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK INTO SON OF SAM LAW TO PROHIBIT PROFITEERING FROM SHOWS LIKE THIS.

CASA ITALIAN:

JOHN MANCINI HAS ASKED JOHN FOR A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR DONA DESANCTIS TO BE PUT ON THE BOARD OF GUARANTORS FOR CASA ITALIANA. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO HAVE LETTER WRITTEN SECONDED BY JOE VALLONE AND PASSED.

MOTHER CABRINI STATUE ISSUE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE CABRINI STATUE RECEIVED 391 VOTES TO BE ERECTED IN NYC AND THE MAYOR DEBLASIO DECIDED TO ERECT A STATUE OF SHIRLEY CHISHOLM IN LIEU OF THIS VOTE. JOHN WILL BE CONTACTING THIS COMMITTEE ON THE ARTS AND LOOK INTO THIS DECISION AND HOW IT WAS MADE.

FINANCIAL APPEAL:

MARIANNE PRINCE SUGGESTS A FINANCIAL APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS VIA MAILING TO SUPPLEMENT THE CSJ FUNDS. BOARD LIKES IDEA AND WILL PURSUE FOR THE OCTOBER TIME FRAME TO ACCOMPLISH. JOHN ASKED MARIANNE TO HANDLE THE PARTICULARS.

BELLA LINGUA AWARDS:

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE MAILING WENT OUT FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS. \$50.00 PER DISTRICT IS FOR DONATION AND \$150.00 WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH DISTRICT TO SPONSOR THE LUNCHEON. MAY 11 IS TENTATIVE DATE TO GIVE OUT THE AWARDS IN MARCO POLO LODGE.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

JOE VALLONE REPORTS THAT HE ISSUED THE CHECKS AT \$200.00 EACH FOR TEN AWARDS TO C LUCIE FOR THIS AND MARYANN R REPORTS THAT ALL BUT DIST. 5 AND 8 PARTICIPATED.

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:

DIST 2:

MARYANN REPORTS THAT THEY MET LAST WEEK AND ALL WENT WELL.

DIST 3:

TONY CORSELLO REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE NOT MET RECENTLY AND WILL ATTEMOT TO USE ZOOM FOR A CONF CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEETING. SIMILAR TO VIDEO CONFERENCING.

LOBBY DAY:

JOHN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE SUB EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR A LOBBY DAY IN THE SPRING IN ALBANY AS ISSUE ADVOCATES. KEITH HAS CONNECTION TO ROGER TILLES OUR AREA REGENT IF NEED BE.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE:

KEITH WILSON ASKED IF OUR GL EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DOING ANY WORK ON THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM. JOHN WILL SPEAK WITH CAROLYN RERES AND REPORT BACK.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME TO THE BOARD CHAIRMAN FRATTA
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:55 P.M.
NEXT MEETING APRIL 9 AT THE GLO.**

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

**KEITH WILSON
REC. SECTY.
ATTACHMENTS**