

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
EXEC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2019
GRAND LODGE OFFICE**

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

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **J VALLONE**
- **K WILSON**
- **J GROVE**
- **L GALLO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **M PRINCE**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **M RISPOLI**

GUEST PRESENT WAS M. DELUCIA AUTHOR OF THE BOOK ON HANK LUISETTI
ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

MIKE DELUCIA ADDRESSED THE BOARD MEMBERS ON THE BOOK HE AUTHORED ON LUISETTI
AND THE MARKETING OF THIS ITALIAN BASKETBALL HERO. THE BOARD MADE SOME
SUGGESTIONS AND HE WILL PURSUE WITH US AND OTHER MEMBERS. HE BROUGHT COPIES
OF HIS BOOK AND ALL WERE IMPRESSED WITH HIS PRESENTATION. MARIANNE PRINCE
SUGGESTED A BOOKMARK FOR LUISETTI AND JOHN ASKED HER TO WORK ON THIS FOR THE
COMMITTEE. WE MAY HAVE HIM ON THE FLOAT AT THE HUNTINGTON PARADE.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.
KEITH W PASSED OUT COPIES OF THE LATEST CSJ DIRECTORY.

TREASURY:

JOE VALLONE GAVE OUT HIS REPORT WHICH IS ATTACHED. ALL SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER AND
WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR MONEY FROM THE DINNER IN FEB FOR JOURNAL ADDS AS PER
JOE. MOTION TO ACCEPT JOE'S REPORT AND PASSED.

F/S REPORT:

J GROVE REMINDED JOHN THAT THE NEW BUDGET NEEDS TO BE MADE UP AND WE WILL DO
THAT TASK SOON. SHE REVIEWED HER REPORT AND ALL AGREED. MOTION WAS MADE TO
ACCEPT AND PASSED.

COLUMBUS BROCHURE:

KEITH W SPOKE ON THE INFORMATION HE RECEIVED FROM MILES AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE
AND WE WILL USE THIS AS A GUIDE. KEITH, LOU AND MARIANNE WILL MEET SOON AND FINISH
THIS PROJECT.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

JOHN F DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

MINORITY CLASS STATUS:

JOHN SPOKE TO THE FACT THAT THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY RECEIVED THIS FROM A
DECISION IN MARYLAND AND WE WILL USE THIS TO PROTECT US FROM NEEDED
DISCRIMINATION IF PEOPLE CONTINUE THE UNNECESSARY ATTACKS ON OUR HERITAGE.

CENTRAL BUYING:

ELEANOR JOBBAGY AND MARIANNE UPDATED THE BOARD ON CALENDAR SALES AND THE
SUPPLY LEFT. WE HAVE SO FAR NETTED \$70.00 ON CALENDAR SALES. KEITH REVIEWED WHAT
WE NEED TO HAVE BROUGHT UP TO THE CONVENTION AND HE WILL BRING UP FOR THE
WEEKEND. WE ALSO WILL HAVE TEE SHIRTS AND MAGNETS FOR SALE.

NEW ORLEANS LYNCHING:

JOHN REVIEWED WITH THE BOARD THE UPCOMING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS AND THE APOLOGY WE WILL RECEIVE FOR THE 1891 LYNCHING. OTHER ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE JOE DITRAPANI, ROBERT FERRITO, NANCY QUINN AND MIKE SANTO. MIKE SANTO WILL BE HONORED AT A DINNER THERE AND FOOD WILL BE SUPPLIED BY DESCENDANTS OF THE HENNESSEY FAMILY. A PRESS RELEASE HAS GONE OUT AND OUR PR PERSON RISA HOAG ALREADY HAS ON FACE BOOK AND ASSOCIATED PRESS. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR AN APOLOGY FROM THE NY TIMES AS WELL. MIKE CONTACTED A SCULPTOR AND WE MAY NEED TO RAISE \$200,000.00 FOR A STATUE TO COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT. KEITH ASKED JOHN ABOUT INCIDENTAL EXPENSE COSTS AND MOTION WAS MADE TO ALLOCATE \$1,000.00 FROM CSJ FOR JOHN'S EXPENSES. ALL CONCURRED. KEITH ALSO STATED THAT THE BOARD OWES JOHN A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HIS DILLIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE.

LIASONS MEETING

WE WILL HAVE THE LIASONS MEETING ON SAT JUNE 15 AT A PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.

SOUTHAMPTON SD:

LOU GALLO UPDATES BOARD THAT THE CURRENT BOARD OF ED PRES MAY SEEK RE ELECTION AND WE NEED TO HAVE THE RESIDENTS THERE GET INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS TO RALLY VOTERS AND GET THEIR PEOPLE ELECTED. KEITH LOOKED UP THE ITALIAN POPULATION ON THIS DISTRICT AND IT IS ONLY 3%. INDIAN NATION NOT HAPPY WITH TREATMENT OF THE STUDENTS THERE.

DIST 1 FESTIVAL UPDATE:

LOU REPORTS THAT THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN DONE:

JUNE 29 IS THE DATE

RAIN DATE JULY 13

ENTERTAINERS BEING LOOKED AT NOW AND AUTHORS AS WELL

THE FLYER IS MADE AND VENDORS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS.

DESANCTIS NOMINATION:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM JOHN MANCINI ON THE DONA DESANCTIS NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS AT THE ITALIC INSTITUTE. LOU SUGGESTED REACHING OUT TO VARRICHIO ON THIS MATTER.

MARIO BIAGGI ISSUE:

JOHN FRATTA MENTIONS THAT MANY YEARS AGO AFTER BIAGGI TRIAL HE RAN FOR MAYOR AND THE GRAND JURY REPORT WAS SECRETLY RELEASED AND THIS HURT BIAGGI'S CHANCE OF BEING THE MAYOR RATHER THAN ABE BEAME AT THE TIME. THE JURY AT THE TIME WAS FORBIDDEN TO HAVE ANY ITALIANS ON THE PANEL AND DISCRIMINATION WAS VERY OBVIOUS. JOHN WILL MEET WITH BIAGGI'S GRANDAUGHTER AND HE SPOKE TO PHIL FOGLIA ON THIS WHO FEELS THE "SON OF SAM" LAW WOULD BE TOUGH TO APPLY.

CABRINI STATUE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT A LETTER WAS SENT TO THE MAYORS OFFICE ON THIS DECISION ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH DEBLASIO AND ALL OF OUR PAST STATE PRESIDENTS ON THIS ISSUE. JOHN HAS NOT HEARD BACK YET.

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:

LOU G REPORTS THAT THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD AND WENT WELL. MISSION STATEMENT TO INSURE FACTUAL INFORMATION ON COLUMBUS IS USED IN THE SCHOOLS. CARL CIACCIO SUGGESTED THAT WE COULD USE ZOOM FOR A CONF IF NEEDED AND WE WILL START TO LOOK AT TEXTBOOKS IF NEEDED. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW WIKIPEDIA FALSEHOODS AND CORRECT. WEBSITE FOR COLUMBUS ONLY WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL. WE WILL MEET AGAIN SOON.

LEGAL TEAM FOR ISSUES AS NEEDED:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE AND ROEBRT DISCUSSED A LEGAL TEAM BE FORMED FOR CSJ AND OTHER BIAS NEEDS TO REACH OUT AS NEEDED FOR LEGAL NEEDS. ALL CONCURRED. UNICO HAS THIS AND IT WORKS VERY WELL.

DIST. CHAIRS REPORTS:

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT BELLA LINGUA WILL BE MAY 9 IN DIST 2 AT MARCO POLO LODGE. ALL INVITED.

LOU GALLO REPORTS FOR CHARLIE LUCIE THAT DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME TO THE BOARD JOHN FRATTA ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:00 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON

SECTY.

ATTACHMENTS

NEXT MEETING MAY 14 AT THE GLO