

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 14, 2019
N. MASS. COM. CENTER**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.
THE PRAYER WAS LED BY K. WILSON AND THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN
THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD AND ALL WERE SEATED
THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **L GALLO**
- **J GROVE**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **C LUCIE**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **C CIACCIO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **M PRINCE**
- ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.

THE CORRESPONDENCE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

- DIRECTORY
- VENDOR SHEETS FOR SUFFOLK FESTIVAL AND KEITH REPORTS ON THE SUFFOLK LEGISLATURE PRESIDING OFFICER DUWAYNE GREGORY WHO MADE COMMENTS TODAY AT A LEGISLATIVE MEETING DEROGATORY TO ITALIAN AMERICANS. NEWSDAY ARTICLE ATTACHED.

THE TREASURY REPORT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

JO ANNE GROVE REPORTED FOR JOE VALLONE THAT THE LUNCHEON NETTED OVER \$9,000.00 FOR THE COMMITTEE ATTACHED AS FILED.

F/S REPORT:

J. GROVE REPORTS ON THE HANDOUT GIVEN AND MOST OF THE NUMBERS ARE IN LINE WITH THE BOTTOM LINE OF THE BUDGET AMOUNTS. WE WILL PREPARE THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT PLENARY AND JOHN WILL DO THIS WITH JOANNE AND ELEANOR AS NEEDED. QUESTION AROSE AS TO INVOICE FOR GL OFFICE RENT AND JOHN WILL ASK JOE TO FOLLOW UP. MOTION TO ACCEPT BOTH REPORTS BY KEITH W AND SECONDED BY LOU GALLO AND PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTED AS FOLLOWS ON THESE ITEMS:

NEW ORLEANS UPDATE:

JOHN REPORTS ALL WENT WELL IN NEW ORLEANS AND HE SPENT A TOTAL OF 2215.97 FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT FROM CSJ TREASURY. WE APPROVED 1,000.00 ALREADY AND WILL PASS A MOTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1215.97 TO REIMBURSE OUR CHAIRMAN. MIKE SANTO SPENT \$6560.00 OUT OF POKKLET AND DOES NOT WISH TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THIS BUSINESS. THE DISCUSSION SURROUNDED AROUND THE STATUE MARKER THAT WILL BE ERECTED AND CARL CIACCIO SHOWED US THE RENDERING OF THE PROJECT AS ONE SAMPLE THAT COULD BE USED. WE WILL NEED TO RAISE \$200,000.00 FOR NEEDED EXPENSE OF THIS MARKER. THE RENDERING WAS MADE BY DENNY PIZZINI FOR CARL TO SHOW US. THE NY TIMES HAS NOT RESPONDED TO US FOR THE NEEDED APOLOGY AS WE HAVE REQUESTED.

JOHN AND MIKE DELIVERED THE PAPERS AND BACK UP MATERIALS TO THE TIMES AND THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED. WE WILL PRESS FOR A RESPONSE AND APOLOGY. VINCE REMINDS US THAT THIS IS A LEFT WING PAPER AND TAKES THE OTHER SIDE AND WE SHOULD LOOK TO CONTACT THE LEGAL COUNSEL AT THE TIMES. CARL CIACCIO SUGGESTS CONTACTING COJO AS WELL FOR SUPPORT. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE MAKE A LETTER FOR ALL THE DELEGATES TO SIGN AT THE CONVENTION TO DELIVER TO THE TIMES FOR THE NEEDED RESPONSE.

JOANNE GROVE SUGGESTS AN AD IN AN OPPOSING PAPER FOR THE APOLOGY AS WELL.

COLUMBUS BROCHURE:

MARIANNE PRINCE FOR THE COMMITTEE GAVE OUT SAMPLES OF THE COLUMBUS BROCHURE AND ALL LIKED THE LAYOUT AND INFO ENCLOSED. THE BOARD PASSED \$600.00 FOR UP TO 1000 BROCHURES FOR CONVENTION AND THEN WILL REPRINT MORE AS NEEDED.

DEBLASIO ISSUE:

THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE LETTER JOHN SENT ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH THE MAYOR.

ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION:

JOHN REMINDS THE BOARD THAT THE FOUNDATION HAS PASSED \$50,000.00 FOR SUPPORT OF THE COALITION AND THIS MEETS WITH THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL.

JOHN AND ROBERT ARE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THE COALITION AND HAVE PREPARED AS NEEDED.

SOUTHAMPTON:

LOU GALLO UPDATES BOARD ON THIS ISSUE. THERE ARE FOUR FOLKS RUNNING FOR TWO SEATS ON THE BOARD OF ED AND ONE IS FROM THE SHINNECOCK NATION AND CHARLIE STYLER IS ANOTHER. THE NATION ATTENDED THE LAST MEETING AND FORCED THE ISSUE THAT THEY REALLY WANT COLUMBUS DAY OFF THE CALENDAR. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

SEN. BIAGGI:

JOHN HAD A MEETING WITH SEN BIAGGI AND SHE WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POSITION AND WILL BE THERE FOR US AS NEEDED. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND OUR CONVENTION AND SHE TOLD JOHN THAT IN NY STATE COLUMBUS DAY CHANGES WILL NOT COME UP IN THE SENATE.

CSJ CONVENTION ITEMS:

WE WILL HAVE A TABLE AT CONVENTION AND WILL SELL MAGNETS WITH OUR MERCHANDISE. THE TABLE WILL BE OVERSEEN BY MARYANN RISPOLI AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE WILL GET OUT THE REST OF THE CSJ CALENDARS AND C LUCIE WANTS SOME FOR THE BELLA LINGUA AWARDS AS WELL.

LIASONS MEETING:

KEITH REMINDS ALL THAT THE LIASONS MEETING WILL BE JUNE 15 AT THE GL OFFICE. LETTERS HAVE GONE OUT.

DIST 1 FESTIVAL:

LOU GALLO UPDATES THE BOARD ON THE STATUS OF THE FESTIVAL AND VENDORS ARE STILL NEEDED. PLEASE GIVE OUT VENDOR FORM TO ANY ONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED. THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AND ALL LOOKS GOOD. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 23 2019.

WEBSITE:

KEITH SUGGESTS UPLOADING THE CSJ AND BELLA LINGUA ESSAYS ON THE SITE FOR ALL TO REVIEW. CHARLIE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH BOB GRAHAM. MARYANN WILL AS WELL. ADDRESS IS WWW.NYSCSJ.ORG

DONA DESANCTIS:

JOHN REPORTS NO UPDATE AS TO HER NOMINATION AS YET FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

LEGAL TEAM:

NO UPDATE FROM JOHN AT THIS POINT.

HOFSTRA:

ELEANOR REPORTS SEPTEMBER 15 IS THE DATE AND WE WILL HAVE THE USUAL LAYOUT. MORE TO FOLLOW IN THE SUMMER.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

C LUCIE REPORTS THAT ALL HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WENT WELL.

BELLA LINGUA:

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 7 AND 8 ARE PARTICIPANTS AND GOING WELL. MAY 9 WAS THE AWARDS IN DIST 2 AT MARCO POLO.

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS IN THE MIDST OF TEXTBOOK REVIEW AND WILL MONITOR AS BEST THEY CAN. HE REPORTS THAT WIKIPEDIA IS LOADED WITH ERRORS ON COLUMBUS HISTORY. CARL IS REVIEWING CURRICULUM CHANGES IN NY STATE. LOU REPORTS ON THE ZINN VERSION OF COLUMBUS HISTORY ALONG WITH BIGELOW WHO WERE BOTH REVISIONISTS ON THIS MATTER. COLUMBUS WAS BLAMED ALLEDGEDLY FOR BRINGING SMALL POX TO THE MAINLAND ALSO. STATISTCAL DATA ON COLUMBUS VARIES ALSO.

JUDGE DEFIORE:

JOHN REPORTS NO UPDATE ON THIS MATTER.

DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:

- 1- C LUCIE REPORTS THAT LAST SAT WAS THE MEETING AND THEY REVIEWED THE CONTEST WINNERS FROM SELLARO LODGE. THE AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED AT THEIR JULY MEETING.
- 2- MARYANN REPORTS THAT MAY 9 WA BELLA LINGUA AWARDS AND ALL WENT WELL WITH OVER 40 IN ATTENDANCE. LEE CERULLO DONATED MONEY TOWARDS THE AWARDS.
- 3- CARL CIACCIO SUGGESTED A \$100.00 BRICK TO HONOR JOHN FRATTA FOR ALL HIS WORK ON THE NEW ORLEANS ISSUE. PASSED.

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT CAROL DELANEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HER BOOK TRANSLATED TO ITALIAN. WE WILL LOOK INTO WITH HER. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE OUR GOLDEN LION PAPER TO RUN THE ZYAS COLUMBUS STORY IN SEGMENTS IF ABLE.

CSJ MAILING FUNDRAISER:

MARIANNE PRINCE SPOKE ON THE SUGGESTED FUNDRAISER MAILING FROM THE GLO. ELEANOR WILL COLLECT THE ENVELOPES AS THEY COME IN AND PASS ON TO THE COMMITTEE. WE WILL GET A FULL SET OF LABELS FOR ALL THE MEMBERS TO BE MAILED TO IN NY STATE.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
MOTION MADE FOR \$250.00 BRICK TO HONOR MIKE SANTO FOR ALL THE WORK ON THE NEW ORLEANS ISSUE.PASSED.
- MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE NEW ORLEANS EXPENSES FOR OUR CHAIRMAN TO THE AMOUNT OF \$1215.97 AND PASSED. TOTALING \$2215.97

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE JUNE 11, 2019.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO:

**KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY
ATTACHMENTS**