

CSJ Executive Board Minutes
August 20, 2019
GL Office
7:30 PM Start

The meeting of the NYS CSJ Executive Committee was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman John Fratta. The opening prayer was said and the pledge was recited.

Moment of silence was held for all in need.

The roll call showed the following present:

- **A Naccarato**
- **R Ferrito**
- **J Fratta**
- **E Jobbagy**
- **K Wilson**
- **J Vallone**
- **L Gallo**
- **M Prince**
- **T Rotoli**
- **J Cohen**
- **V Marmorale**

All other Board members were excused.

The minutes of the prior meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Joe Vallone gave his report and was filed with the minutes. Jo Cohen moved to accept and seconded by Tony Rotoli and passed.

The FS report was deferred as Joanne Grove was excused.

Chairman's Report:

John Fratta reports on the following:

- **Unico Issue:**

John reports that the Rochester Lyle Avenue Corridor known as Little Italy is in the line of fire to be done away with that area. Lou Gallo explains Silvano Orsi role with this and Keith Wilson mentions that we should be cautious with proceeding in this matter as some may not have all the facts.

- **NEA Issue:**

This organization has recommended changing formally the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous people's day and all are concerned about this pursuit. The board members and John feel that Academia is truly hurting our cause and we need to be very forceful with them on this issue. This issue has gone on for a longtime and the board also discussed the Cleveland issue and Basil Russo involvement. We need to be ahead of the curve as time goes on.

- **NY Post Issue:**

John Discusses the front page issue involving Chris Cuomo. Copies of letters were handed out that were sent by our GL and the National Lodge. John related the story of the op Ed written by post reporter Steve Carroza on this issue. We will send follow up letters to the organization as this issue goes on if the post does not respond accordingly. Tony and Robert Discussed the approach as we move along and Robert mentions Curtis Sliwa also slams Italians on radio very much also.

Keith W Suggests a full page ad in the other large papers and some feel Risa can do a Press release as needed.

- **Columbus Brochure:**

The print order has been ordered and we will be putting these in each envelope with the new fundraiser mailing. We will have them delivered to Keith house and give out as needed. John asks to have this loaded on social media.

Mother Cabrini Statue:

We have not received any response from the inquiry on the Cabrini statue not being erected. The mayor has decided that a Transgender Statue should be erected instead. Joe Scelsa and John will monitor this situation. We will have a new bookmark for Mother Cabrini and ask the Nigro Lodge to donate the payment for this. Ed B suggests putting the bookmark in all lodge newsletters. Tony Naccarato put forth getting our own piece of property and erecting our own statue.

IH Coalition:

John reports that he is now the Treasurer and Robert is formulating the new budget. John also reports that there is nothing new on the New Orleans issue.

Southampton:

Lou Gallo reports that the Students will be attending the NY parade with bus paid for by the Committee. Lunch as well will be provided.

Legal Team:

John mentions that we now have Ray Averna to be added to the legal team for the board as needed. Tony commented that he will be at the foundation meeting on August 29 and we will all get to meet him. We will add Ray to the Email for CSJ.

Bon Giorno Movie:

John asked board for approval of \$1,000.00 sponsorship for this movie about Columbus documentary. Made by Keith W and seconded by Tony Rotoli and passed.

Fundraiser Letter:

M. Prince spoke to the letter she handed out for the direct mailing we are doing to the NY State membership. Some felt too long others felt it was fine as is. We will include a Columbus Brochure and return envelope as needed. We will use the foundation indicia postmark for discounted mailing fees. The letter was approved as presented for mailing purposes.

Education Committee:

Lou Gallo reports that the committee is looking at the Zinn project as he was a famous detractor of Columbus. Many gaps have been proffered about Columbus by this project. Lou has asked 4 notable historians to look at the curriculum on this matter and get back to the committee. They are Steve Byas, Raphael, Carol Delaney and rich Disilvio. We approved up to \$500.00-to be split amongst them for their work. Lou also reports that we will use the current CSJ Infrastructure to look at how Columbus is being taught in the schools in NY State. They may ask to meet with the regents from LI or other notable Educ Officials as needed.

Tony Naccarato mentions that we will be honoring folks who are not as well-known as others as we need to acknowledge those among us who are not on the pedestal as others. All concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45P.M.

Next meeting Sept 10 2019 GLO

Minutes taken by

**Keith Wilson
Rec Sect
CSJ Exec Board.**

Attachments