

**NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF EXEC BOARD MEETING
OCT 8 2019
GRAND LODGE OFFICE
BELLMORE NY**

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

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **J GROVE**
- **L GALLO**
- **T ADAMO**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **J COHEN**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **G GRAHAM**
- ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

IT WAS REPORTED THAT ALDO DICHIARA HAS PASSED AWAY AND THE BOARD WILL SEND A SYMPATHY BASKET TO ROSEMARIE AS SHE IS A CSJ BOARD MEMBER. THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED WAS AN EMAIL FROM CARL CIACCIO ABOUT THE NEEDED FUNDING FOR A COLUMBUS PROGRAM TO BE ISSUED BY THE GMM AND SOLD TO THOSE INTERESTED. JOHN WILL ASK CARL WHAT THE OUTLOOK WILL BE FOR THE PROGRAM BREAKDOWN.

JOHN REPORTS TO THE BOARD THAT OUR STATE PRES WILL BE ANNOUNCING A NEW MASTER CALENDAR TO BE HELD BY THE GLO FOR AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICTING DATES AND TIMES AS NEEDED.

TREASURY REPORT:

J GROVE FOR J VALLONE:

WE SPENT 2,286.33 AND TOOK IN \$500.00 FOR THE MONTH
PASSED W/O QUESTIONS

FS REPORT:

J GROVE PASSED OUT THE YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS AND WE REVIEWED AND FILED WITH MINUTES.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

RENO:

THE CITY OF RENO HAS RENAMED THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND NATIONAL CSJ WILL LOOK INTO.

UNICO

LEGAL TEAM HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED BY UNICO TO FIGHT THE COLUMBUS ISSUE ON A CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER.
FRANK LORENZO WILL BE THE POINT PERSON FOR THIS MATTER.

ROCHESTER CORRIDOR AT LYLE AVENUE:

JOHN REMINDS THE BOARD THAT SOME UP THERE WANT TO DO AWAY WITH THIS AREA AS THE COMMITTEE HAS NO ITALIANS ON THERE AT ALL. A MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY AND EXCLUDING ITALIAN INPUT. JOHN WANTS TO SEND LETTER TO THIS AREA ON THIS MATTER.

NEA ISSUE:

UNICO AND OSDIA ARE BOMBARDING THE NEA ON THIS ADVOCACY TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIG PEOPLES DAY. LOU GALLO FEELS WE MUST KEEP PRESSURE ON THIS AND JOHN WILL SPEAK TO FRANK LORENZO ON THIS AS WELL.

NY POST:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THERE IS NO UPDATE ON THE CUOMO SLUR IN THE PAPER RECENTLY. SOME FEEL CUOMOS BEHAVIOR IN THAT VIDEO FROM SHELTER ISLAND WAS DISGRACEFUL AS HE CURSED VERY MUCH AND WAS INAPPROPRIATE. FREDO MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A SLUR BUT THE NY POST PICTURE WAS THAT.

COLUMBUS BROCHURE:

KEITH REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 1500 ON HAND AND SOME FLOATING AROUND HERE AND THERE.

CABRINI STATUE:

JOHN F REPORTS THAT THIS ISSUE HAS GAINED A LOT OF TRACTION AND THIS PAST SUNDAY BISHOP DIMARZIO HELD A RALLY AND MASS IN CARRROL GARDENS IN BROOKLYN. M PRINCE ATTENDED AND REPORTS THAT THE CHURCH AND OUTER AREA WERE FULL TO THE CAPACITY. THE SERMONS WERE IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN. MSGR CASSATO ASKED FOR DONATIONS FOR A CABRINI STATUE THAT SOME FEEL SHOULD NOT BE SOLICITED AS THE CITY SHOULD PAY FOR THE STATUE AS THE MONEY IS THERE ALREADY. ACTOR CHAZZ PALMINTERI HAS CALLED THE MAYOR WIFE A RACIST FOR THIS ISSUE AND A FORM LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT ON THIS MATTER FOR FUTURE STATUE.

CHARLENE MCCRAY OFFICE BEING BOMBARDED AND A MANHATTAN COALITION HAS BEEN FORMED TO SAVE CABRINI AND KEEP THE PRESSURE ON AS NEEDED. SOME LAWSUITS ARE BEING PLANNED AS WELL.

ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION:

JOHN REPORTS MEETING HELD LAST WEEK AND DUES STRUCTURE STILL BEING DEVELOPED. IT WILL BE BASED ON MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS OF GROUPS. ALL FOCUSED ON PARADE RIGHT NOW AND AFTER HOLIDAY MORE TO COME. THEY HAVE TWO SET UPS 501 C 3 AND 4 AS ONE CAN DO LOBBYING AND ONE CANNOT. WHEN DONATIONS COME IN THE THANK YOU LETTERS WILL NEED TO LAYOUT HOW THERE MONEY WILL BE USED.

NEW ORLEANS:

PROGRESS.

SOUTHAMPTON S/D:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THEY ONLY HAVE 8 PEOPLE FOR THE CITY PARADE AND WE WILL ASK THEM TO COME TO THE LI PARADE INSTEAD. LOU WILL LET KEITH KNOW. THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WLL BE DISCUSSED IN FEB AND BUDGET TIME AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL PREVAIL.

CSJ WEBSITE:

BOARD REVIEWED WHAT ITEMS THEY WANT BOB GRAHAM TO PUT ON THE WEBSITE.

LEGAL TEAM:

KEITH AND JOHN REPORTS THAT WE HAVE RAY AVERNA THAT WE CAN NOW SPEAK WITH AS FAR AS LEGAL NEEDS ARE CONCERNED.

BIAS CRIME:

JOHN F ASKED THE BOARD FOR PERMISSION TO WRITE A LETTER ASKING THE NYS ATTY GENERAL TO DECLARE IS A HATE CRIIME IF A NY COLUMBUS STATUE IS VANDALIZED. WE WOULD NEED LEGAL COUNSEL ON THIS AND JOHN WILL SPEAK TO SOME FOLKS AT UGUALGLIANZA LODGE WHO ARE CITY ATTORNEYS. HER NAME IS LORRAINE CORSO.

BELLA LINGUA:

NOTHING NEW UNTIL AFTER JANUARY REPORTS MARYANN RISPOLI.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE ZINN PROJECT CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN GIVING HIM INFORMATION AND THE RESEARCH AND MATERIALS ARE VOLUMINOUS ON THIS MATTER. AT THE NEXT SUB COMMITTEE MEETING THE COMMITTEE WILL LAY OUT THE LIASONS PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

FUNDRAISER MAILING:

M PRINCE DISPLAYED THE MATERIALS BEING MAILED TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THE FUNDRAISING FOR NYS CSJ. ALL LOOKS GOOD AND IT WENT OUT TODAY. THE PETER AND JERI DEJANA FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATED A TOTAL OF \$6,000.00 FOR THE CSJ EFFORTS AND THE NET COST FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS APPROX 150.00

FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON:

JOHN F REPORTS THAT THE FOUNDERS DAY LUNCH MAY BE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS YEAR AS ILCORTILLE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE ORDER OR SAN GENNARO AT ALL. THEY EVEN HAD C SLIWA DOING A LIVE 77 ABC LIVE RADIO CAST THERE AND HE TALKED ABOUT THE MOB AND OTHER ETHNIC SLURS WERE MADE AS WELL. VERY DAMAGING TO ITALIANS.

DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:

DIST 1

G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THEY HAD THE FIRST MTG SEPT 28 NEXT YEARS CONTEST WAS DISCUSSED AND ISLIP AND HUNTINGTON SD WILL BE THE PARTICIPANTS. OCT 29 WILL BE THE TASTE OF ITALY IN SUFFOLK COUNTY. ALL STUDENTS AND DIST 1 LIASONS WILL BE HONORED.

DIST 2

M RISPOLI FOR J GAGLIARDO REPORTS THAT JENA WOULD LIKE TO STEP DOWN AND JOHN FEELS IT IS WORKING OK THE WAY IT IS. THE NEXT MTG IS OCT 17 AT JEANS HOUSE. THE DUPLICATE MAILING NAMES WERE TAKEN OUT AS NEEDED. 6132 PIECES WILL BE MAILED OUT AS NEEDED. THE LUNCHEON JOURNAL WILL BE HANDLED BY M. PRINCE AS USUAL.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE CAROL DELANEY BOOK HAS ITALIAN LANGUAGE COPYRIGHTS FROM SIMON AND SHUSTER AND WE WILL NEED TO FIND A PUBLISHER WHO WOULDWORK WITH THEM TO GET THIS PROJECT COMPLETED.

LOU G ALSO FEELS THAT WE SHOULD GO AFTER ADAM SCHIFF JUST LIKE WE DID D GREGORY FOR SCHIFFS COMMENTS ON THE UKRAINE "MAFIA LIKE SHAKEDOWN" REFERRING TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. WE SHLOUD HOLD ALL ACCOUNTABLE AS NEEDED.

LOU REPORTS THAT THE MOVIE BLACKISH HAS A COLUMBUS SKIT IN IT THAT PORTRAYS HIM TO BE A MURDERER. ELEANOR SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FORM LETTERS READY TO RESPOND TO THESE SUCH ISSUES IN THE MEDIA AND USE AS NEEDED. JOHN WILL PURSUE.

M PRINCE REPORTS THAT OUR OWN COLUMBUS COSTUME IS ON THE WAY AND WE WILL USE NEXT YEAR.

HOFSTRA:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THE TURNOUT FOR ASSISTANCE AT HOFSTRA WAS NOT GOOD AND WE HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 PM

NEXT MEETING 11-12-2019

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY.

