

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK  
NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
GRAND LODGE OFFICE  
11-12-2019**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA AT 7:35 PM  
THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD. THE PLEDGE  
WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

ROLL CALL SHOWS AS FOLLOWS THOSE PRESENT:

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

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

THE CORRESPONDENCE PASSED OUT WAS REVIEWED AND FILED.

**TREASURY REPORT:**

JOE VALLONE PASSED OUT HIS REPORT AND COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:

**CKG \$5,832.55**

**DIST 1 2 AND 3 TOTALS \$2,703.81**

**SAV COLUMBUS DAY ACCT \$4,423.55**

**WELLS FARGO ACCT \$129,418.62**

JOE REPORTS THAT WE RECEIVED A BACK DUE BILL FROM GL FOR 3 QUARTERS RENT AMOUNTING TO \$6750.00 WE ARE ALSO STILL OWED THE CONVENTION DONATIONS. JOHN WILL ASK TO HAVE THE LAST THREE CYCLES OF RENT WAIVED AND THIS WAS PASSED BY THE BOARD AS WELL AS OUR INVESTMENT RETURNS FROM WELLS WERE ALSO REDUCED SOME TIME AGO AS WELL. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO REQUEST THIS AND SECONDED BY E JOBBAGY AND PASSED. TONY ROTOLI MOVED TO ACCEPT TREASURY REPORT AND SECONDED BY MARY DEROSA AND PASSED.

**F/S REPORT:**

JOANNE GROVE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

SOME LINE ITEMS ARE NOT AS REVENUE POSITIVE AS OTHERS AND SHE REVIEWED AS NEEDED. THE FUND DRIVE THAT WE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS HAS NETTED SO FAR \$4,186.00 AND BREAKDOWN WAS GIVEN TO SHOW THE AMOUNTS DONATED. SO FAR 2.76 % OVERALL MEMBERSHIP RESPONSE. THIS REPRESENTS A 169 MEMBER RESPONSE TOTALLY. THE UPSTATE LODGE DONATIONS HAVE BEEN STRONG AND MANY KND NOTES IN THERE AS WELL. THE DEJANA CHECK FOR DONATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN EARLY DECEMBER AND THIS WILL OFFSET THE COST OF THE MAILINGS. KEITH WILSON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FS REPORT. PASSED BY THE BOARD.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND ELECTED OFFICIAL ADVOCATING COLUMBUS STATUE VANDALISM AND PROSTITUTION. THIS IS INCREDIBLE AND JOHN F WILL SEND A LETTER TO THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE RI LEGISLATURE AS WELL. HER NAME IS JOANNE RYAN. THE LETTER ASKED TO CENSURE AND REMOVE THIS LADY FROM OFFICE. JOHN WILL EMAIL ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS AND UPDATE THEM ON THIS ISSUE AS IT CHANGES.

**DETROIT MICHIGAN TEACHER:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT THIS TEACHER WAS WEARING A SHIRT THAT SAVED COLUMBUS WAS A MURDERER. A LETTER WAS SENT BY OUR CHAIRMAN AND THE NATIONAL ASKING FOR HER RESIGNATION. MANY BOARD

MEMBERS FEEL THAT THE ACADEMIA IS OUR WORST ENEMY FOR THESE ISSUES AND BRAIN WASH OUR KIDS IN THE COLLEGES.

STATE PRESIDENT TONY NACCARATO AND JOHN FRATTA MAY GO TO MICHIGAN FOR THIS ISSUE IF NEED BE.

**GMM LUNCHEON:**

TONY ROTOLI REPORTS THAT HE FELT OFFENDED BY THE INDIGENOUS PICTURE THAT WAS AUCTIONED OFF AT THE GMM LUNCHEON. WE WILL TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE SENSITIVE AS NEEDED. PARILLO WAS THE PAINTER AND THE GMM ONLY NETTED \$250.00 ON THIS PICTURE.

**RENO NEVADA:**

NATIONAL DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE ON THE CITY CHANGING THE HOLIDAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. MANY OFFENDED.

**LYLE AVENUE ROCHESTER NY CORRIDOR:**

THERE IS NO UPDATE ON THIS ISSUE AND WE WILL REMOVE FROM AGENDA. THE LOMBARDI LODGE AND M FOCARAZZO HAVE NOT UPDATED JOHN ON THIS MATTER.

**NEA ISSUE:**

STATE OFFICIALS RECIVED LETTERS FROM JOHN ON THIS MATTER NO RESPONSE AS YET.

**COLUMBUS STATUE VANDALISM:**

LETTER TO NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL REQUESTING THAT THIS MATTER BE A HATE CRIME. JOHN WILL FOLLOW UP. WE HAVE OVER 600 SIGNATURES ON PETITION AND MORE TO COME THUR CHANGE.ORG

**COLUMBUS MOVIE SPONSORSHIP:**

JOHN WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THIS MOVIE WITH JOE SCIAME BEFORE WE SPONSOR.

**NY POST FREDO ISSUE:**

JOHN SAYS THIS ISSUE IS DEAD AND NO LONGER PURSUED.

**BROOKLYN COLLEGE ITALIAN LANG PROGRAM:**

A LETTER WAS SENT BY THE STATE PRES AND JOHN F ASKING FOR THE PROGRAM TO BE RESTORED AND IT WAS PARTIALLY NOT FULLY. WE WANT FULLY RESTORED.

**BELLA LINGUA PROGRAM:**

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE PROGRAM MAILING WILL GO OUT IN JANUARY 2020. SHE WILL PUT A COLUMBUS BROCHURE IN THE MAILING. SCHOOLS WILL ALL RECEIVE AND THE FOUNDATION WILL PAY THE AWARDS AND WE WILL PAY FOR THE FOOD AT AWARDS PROGRAMS.

**CABRINI STATUE:**

THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RESONATED WITH ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE OFFENDED BY THE DECISION. SOME FEEL THAT THE GOVERNOR GOT THE MAYOR OFF THE HOOK BY INTERCEDING ON THIS ISSUE ALBEIT ON OUR SIDE.

JOE SCIAME IS ON THIS COMMISSION FOR THE STATUES FROM THE SIF FOUNDATION.

**ITAL HERITAGE COALITION:**

WE HAVE A GO FUND ME PAGE THAT HAS RAISED \$11,500.00 AND THIS REVENUE WILL BE USED FOR ADVOCACY NEEDED.

**NEW ORLEANS:**

THE NY TIMES HAS YET TO RIGHT AN APOLOGY FOR THIS MATTER.

**SOUTHAMPTON AND INGD PEOPLES DAY ON CALENDAR:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE CALENDAR WILL BE REVIEWED FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND WILL BE ON TOPIC SOON FOR DISCUSSING THE CHANGE BACK TO COLUMBUS DAY ON THE CALENDAR. WE NOW HAVE 4 VOTES ON THIS BOARD THAT WE BELIEVE ARE IN OUR FAVOR. LOU ASKED ALL TO REVIWE THE DELANEY VIDEO ON THE POSITIVE OF COLUMBUS. RICH DISILVIO SUGGESTED A MOCK TRIAL FOR THE COLUMBUS ISSUE. LOU WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND KEEP US POSTED.

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO RAY AVERNA ON SOME OF THESE MATTERS AS WELL.

**DAILY NEWS CARTOON:**

GERI GRAHAM REPORTS THAT SHE HAS A COMIC STRIP FROM ART CANESTRO OFFENSIVE TO ITALIANS CALLED WUMU AND SPEAKS TO THE MAFIA.

HE RESPONDED AND WE WILL SEE IF THE NEWS WILL PUBLISH HIS LETTER.

JOHN WILL DO THE SAME. THE EDITORS ARE OF DANISH EXTRACTION NAMED MIKAEL WULFE AND ANDERS MORGENTHALER.

**DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:**

WE WILL DO AGAIN THIS YEAR AND GIVE AWARDS AS USUAL.

**PIRANDELLO LODGE:**

ELEANOR MENTIONS THAT SHE WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE PIRANDELLO LODGE HERITAGE EVENT AND THEY HAD A NICE TRI FOLD THAT THEY USED FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES. SHE WOULD LIKE US TO DO THE SAME FOR CSJ. WE ALSO STILL HAVE TWO MEDAL OF HONOR KITS FOR USE AS WELL. THEY ARE IN THE STORAGE UNIT FOR SAFEKEEPING ALSO. THE DR SELLARO LODGE USES EACH YEAR AS NEEDED.

**COSTUME:**

M PRINCE DISPLAYED THE NEW COLUMBUS COSTUME THAT WE NOW OWN FOR LOU TO USE EACH YEAR. VERY NICE COSTUME AS WELL.

**EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:**

LOU REPORTS THAT THIS COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED THEIR REPORTS AND ARE READY FOR THE NEXT STEP AND THAT IS TO SEE HOW THE SCHOOLS ARE TEACHING COLUMBUS AS WELL.

**HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:**

VINCE MARMORALE REPORTS THAT THIS HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY MONTH. HE WAS IN BUFFALO SPEAKING LAST WEEK AND HE WILL BE PUTTING A LIST TOGETHER FOR ELEANOR TO USE FOR OUTREACH TO OTHER ORG.

**DISTRICT CHAIRS REPORTS:**

DIST 1 GERI UPDATES BOARD ON BELLA LINGUA AND HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST.

DIST 2 MARYANN REPORTS MEETING ON 10-17-19 HELD AND AT JEANS HOUSE.

DIST 3: NO REPORT THEY WILL BE REORGANIZED AS PER JOHN F,

THE LUNCHEON HONOREES WERE REVIEWED AND ALL AGREED.

THERE WILL BE MORE ON THIS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:**

THIS WILL BE DEC 2 AT CIMINELLIS AS USUAL \$40.00 PER HEAD. SEE KEITH FOR INFO.

THE EXEC BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:20 PM

**MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON**

**REC. SECTY.**