

**NYS GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK
ORDERS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
MINUTES OF EXEC BOARD MEETING
GL OFFICE
1-14-2020**

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

- **A NACCARATO**
- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **L GALLO**
- **J VALLONE**
- **J GROVE**
- **R AVERNA**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **T ADAMO**
- **C CIACCIO**
- **M DEROSA**
- **S GRILLO**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **J COHEN**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **G GRAHAM**

ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE NOV EXEC BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED WITH CORRECTIONS.

THE COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDED:

THE NEW COMMITTEE DIRECTORY UPDATED.

TREASURY REPORT:

JOE VALLONE HANDED OUT THE ATTACHED REPORT AND REVIEWED WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS. TOTALS ON HAND:

DIST ACCOUNTS \$2196.99

SAVE COLUMBUS ACCT \$4423.82

WELLS FARGO ACCT \$129,418.62

TOTAL CGK FUNDS AVAILABLE \$13,835.63

TONY NACCARATO UPDATED THE FIGURE ON THE WELLS ACCOUNT TO \$131,937.00 WHICH REPRESENTS A RETURN OF 21.7% YEAR OVER YEAR TO COMMITTEE TREASURY.

NET INTEREST AMOUNTS TO \$24,050.00 NET RETURN.

JOE WILL GIVE BREAKDOWN OF DINNER AFTER AFFAIR IS OVER AND JO COHEN WILL BE GIVING MONEY TO JOE DIRECTLY FOR THE AFFAIR THIS YEAR SO JOE CAN GO TO BANK AS NEEDED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURY REPORT BY JO COHEN AND SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI PASSED BY THE BOARD.

FS REPORT:

J GROVE PASSED OUT HER UPATED REPORT AND FIGURES SHOW A LOSS OF \$10,527.71 BUT THIS WILL BE OFFSET BY THE INCOME WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING AND WILL EVEN OUT FOR THE NEXT UPDATE.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT NY KEITH WILSON AND SECONDED BY JO COHEN AND PASSED BY THE BOARD.

FINANCE DRIVE:

M PRINCE PASSED OUT AND REVIEWED THE UPDATED FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN OF OUR DIRECT MAILING FUND DRIVE TO THE MEMBERS. THE RETURNS SHOW 248 MEMBERS RESPONDED AND AVERAGE A \$26.00 PLEDGE. UPSTATE LODGES RESPONDED VERY WELL AND THREE DISTRICTS SHOW ALL LODGES PARTICIPATING. THE NET AMOUNT IS \$6,138.72 AFTER ALL EXPENSES AND THE DEJANA FOUNDATION PARTIAL DONATION FOR THIS MAILING IS NOT INCLUDED AS THIS IS FREE AND CLEAR PROFIT. JOHN AND BOARD THANKD MARIANNE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. WE EXPECT SOME MORE RETURNS IN THE MAIL.

CSJ BRUNCH:

JO COHEN REVEIUED THE HONOREES AND STELLA GRILLO REVIEWED THE AWARDS THAT WE WILL WANT TO GET. HONOREES WILL GET CRYSTAL AS USUAL AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION POSITIVE IMAGE WILL GET A PLAQUE. THE BRUNCH IS AT RUSSO'S ON THE BAY ON FEB 23 AND WILL COMMENCE AT 12 NOON. JOURNAL COMMITTEE WAS UPDATED BY M PRINCE. LAST YEAR WE TOOK IN \$8080.00 IN REVENUE. MARIANNE HOPES FOR 100% PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR FROM ALL LODGES. ED BOCHYNSKI SUGGESTS THAT WE NOT TAKE AD FROM DEBLASIO AS HE DOES NOT SUPPORT OUR CAUSES FOR CABRINI STATUE AND OTHER NEEDS. LOU GALLO AGREED AND WE WILL NOT MAIL A REQUEST TO THE MAYOR FOR AN AD.

M PRINCE RAISED THE ISSUE OF JEAN GAGLIARDO WRITE UP AND KEITH WILL ASK JOE SCIAME TO WRITE SOMETHING UP FOR HER HISTORY. HER FAMILY WILL BE PRESENT AND WE WILL TAKE A \$200.00 BRICK AT THE GMM IN HER HONOR AND PRESENT REPLICA TO THE FAMILY. THE JOURNAL ADS AFTER DISCUSSION WILL REFLECT AS PRESENTED AND NOT BE EDITED FOR CONTENT AS PER JOHN F. V MARMORALE SUGGEST SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE FOR MORE THEN ONE WINNER AS WE WILL NOT BE DOING BASKETS THIS YEAR. ALL CONCURRED.

CHAIRMANS UPDATE:

JOHN FRATTA REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

RENO NEVADA:

NO RESPONSE YET TO OUR LETTER ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.

DISPLAY BOARDS:

ELEANOR WILL BE SPEAKING WITH JOE DEINNOCENTIS ABOUT ASSISTING WITH MAKING UP THESE PRESENTATION BOARDS WITH OUT CSJ LITERATURE FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES.

NEA ISSUE:

LETTER SENT BY CSJ ON COLUMUS DAY ENDORSEMENT TO BE OFF ALL SCHOOL CALENDARS. NO RESPONSE AS YET. JOHN REMINDS THE BOARD THAT WE ARE A PROTECTED MINORITY CLASS AS ITALIAN AMERICANS AND SINCE 1979 CUNY INCIDENT HAVEENJOYED THIS RECOGNITION. LOU GALLO SUGGESTS THAT JOHN CONTACT FRANK LORENZO ON THIS MATTER AND JOHON WILL DO THIS.

HATE CRIME STATUS:

JOHN UPDATES BOARD ON REQUEST FOR COLUMBUS STATUE VANDALISM TO BE CONSIDERED A HATE CRIME. OUR NATIONAL PRES OF CSJ ROBERT FERRITO WILL BRING THIS ISSUE TO DC WHEN HE VISITS WITH ITALIAN CAUCUS AGAIN.

CARL CIACCIO REPORTS THAT HE ATTEND A COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS BREAKFAST AND THEY DETAILED ABOUT HATE CRIMES AND CARL FELT THIS WAS GOOD TO ATTEND FOR A LEARNING PERSPECTIVE.

CAPODANO MOVIE SPONSOR:

JOHN REPORTS ON REQUEST FROM TIM MORIARTY FOR CSJ SPONSORSHIP OF THE MOVIE DOCUMENTARY OF FR VINCENT CAPODANO. WE ARE IN THE CREDITS OF THE MOVIE AS AN OSDIA SPONSOR. LOU GALLO MOVED TO SPONSOR FOR \$1,000.00 SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED. JOE VALLONE ASKED FOR INFO WHO TO SEND CHECK TO. CARL WILL GET IT TO HIM.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT COLLEGE RESTORED PARTIAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE BUT STATE PRES TONY NACCARATO FEELS WITH 12,000 STUDENTS AND ONLY THREE IN ITALIAN CLASSES SOMETHING IS WRONG. DR TAMBURRI IS ASSISTING US WITH THIS AND MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

MICHIGAN TEACHER ISSUE:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT THE TEACHER WHO WORE THE TEE SHIRT "COLUMBUS WAS A MURDERER" IS STILL TEACHING AND HE AND TONY MAY GO OUT THERE TO PROTEST HER NOT BEING TERMINATED. LOU GALLO AND TONY N REPORT ON THE SUCCESS THEY HAD AT SYOSSET HS THAT HAS 14 ITALIAN CLASSES AND LOU PRESENTED HISTORY IN A BOX TO THE KIDS THERE. VERY POSITIVE FEED BACK AND WE WILL GIVE THE HS COLUMBUS BROCHURES WHEN WE GET THEM.

CABRINI STATUE:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE FOLLOWING MONEY HAS BEEN DONATED FOR THE CAUSE ALREADY:

\$15,000.00 FROM CSJ

\$15,000.00 NATIONAL OSIDA

\$20,000.00 COLUMBUS HERITAGE COALITION.

THE GOVERNOR HAS COMMITTED \$750,000.00 FOR THIS CAUSE AND THE STATUE WILL BE AT BATTERY PARK CITY.

SOUTHAMPTON ISSUE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT FEB 11 IS THE NEXT MEETING AT THE BOARD OF ED AND THEY ARE REVIEWING THE COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ON THE CALENDAR THAT MEETING. WE SHOULD ATTEND AND ROCCO CARRIERO AND JOAN TUTT WILL NEED TO GET MORE LOCAL FOLKS THERE AS WELL. MIKE MEDDIO A BOARD MEMBER OUT THERE TOLD LOU THAT IT LOOKS GOOD FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY ON THE CALENDAR. WE CAN GET A BUS FOR DIST 2 TO ATTEND AND CAN LOOK INTO THAT POSSIBILITY. JOHN MENTIONS THAT WE HAVE MONEY IN THE SAVE COLUMBUS ACCOUNT AND THE BOARD APPROVED \$1,000.00 FOR THE BUSES NEEDED. KEITH WILL LOOK INTO BUS COSTS.

DELANEY BOOK TRANSLATION:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT WE ARE STILL LOOKING INTO THIS WITH TIZANA DOSENA AND SION AND SHUSTER IS THE ORIGINAL PUBLISHER. WE MAY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ROYALTIES AND LOU WILL ASK TIZANA ABOUT THIS AT NEXT CONVERSATION. CAROL DELANEY IS IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT.

THIS CONCLUDED CHAIRMANS REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JOHN CALLED ON THE FOLLOWING TO REPORT:

BELLA LINGUA:

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT ALL PAPERWORK IS OUT SHE NEEDED 20 COLUMBUS BROCHURES TO COMPLETE. SHE WILL MAIL OUT THE REST ASAP. FOLLOW UP IS IMPORTANT WITH THIS AND TONY NACCARATO HE WILL ASK WHO HAS NOT RESPONDED AND WILL ASK THEM TO DO JUST THAT AS TIME GOES ON. JOHN REPORTS THAT XAVIER HS HAS ITALIAN CLASSES AS DOES ST LUKES IN WHITESTONE AND WE SHOULD GET THEM INVOLVED. MARYANN HANDED OUT THE CONTEST GUIDELINES AND THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS ON LETTER HE HANDS OUT TO THE BOARD TO ASK AT LARGE MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO HAVE THEM ASSIST WITH EDUC DISCOVERY ON WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS AND TEXTBOOKS. LETTER WILL BE CORRECTED GRAMATICALLY TONIGHT AND LOU WILL HAVE JOHN AND TONY SIGN AND THEN GET OUT TO ALL AS NEEDED. BOARD APPROVED LETTER AS NEEDED.

DIST CHAIRS UPDATES:

DIST 1: G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT SATURDAY IS NEXT MEETING AND BELLA LINGUA WILL GO OUT THEN.

DIST 2; MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT SHE CANNOT TAKE OVER AS DIST CHAIR AND JOHN WILL SEEK INPUT FOR NEW CHAIR. MARYANN FEELS AN EDUCATOR WOULD BE HELPFUL.

DIST 3: CARL REPORTS THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE DIST PRES MEETING ON JAN 22 AT AP GIANNINI LODGE AND ASK LIASONS TO GIVE INPUT WHO ARE THERE. CARL ALSO MENTION THAT GMM WILL INCOPORATE COLUMBUS CURRICULUM IN THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND LOU GALLO WILL ASSIST. ELEANOR IS WORKING ON REVAMPING DIST 3 LIASONS AND PARTICIPATION. CARL ASKED TO BE KEPT UPDATED ON THIS MATTER. THIS IS BEING DONE DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION ON LIASONS PART.

JOHN THANKED CARL AND THE GMM FOR STORAGE OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM COLUMBUS STATUE WHILE THE MUSEUM IS BEING RENOVATED. CARL ALSO ADDRESSED THE INDIGENOUS PICTURE RAFFLED OFF AT THE GMM BRUNCH AND FELT NO MALICE WAS INTENDED BY SOME WHO TOOK OFFENSE. WE WILL BE MORE ALERT NEXT TIME AS TO SENSITIVE ISSUES LIKE THIS.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM:

VINCE MARMORALE UPDATES THE BOARD ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL SS CONVENTION. THE PROGRAM STARTED WITH WLATER WOLF YEARS AGO AND TINA HAMMERLE AS WELL. KEITH MENTIONS THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED WITH OUR JEWISH BRETHREN AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE ANTI SEMITIC INCIDENTS. TONY AND JOHN WILL FOLLOW UP WITH RABBI POTASNIK.

MEDAL OF HONOR:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT WE HAVE A NEW MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT NAMED DAVID BELLAVIA. WE WILL UPDATE PROGRAM AS NEEDED.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING;

A 200.00 BRICK AT THE GMM HONORING TINA HAMMERLE. PASSED

A 200.00 BRICK AT THE GMM HONORING JEAN GAGLIARDO. PASSED

STATE PRES TONY NACCARATO ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND TOLD US HOW IMPRESSED HE WAS BY THE DEDICATION OF THIS BODY AND WILL SUPPORT 100% AS STATE PRESIDENT.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SOUTHAMPTON TRIP.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

KEITH WILSON, REC. SECTY.

ATTACHMENTS