

NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCT. 13, 2020

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:45 P.M. BY JOHN FRATTA.
THE PLEDGE AND PRAYER WAS SAID AND THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- A. NACCARATO
- J. FRATTA
- E. JOBBAGY
- K. WILSON
- G. GRAHAM
- J. GROVE (LATE)
- E. BOCHYNSKI
- M. PRINCE
- T. ROTOLI
- M. RISPOLI

ALL OTHERS WERE LATE OR EXCUSED.

CORRESPONDENCE WAS SECRETARY WILL UPDATE THE CSJ DIRECTORY TO REMOVE JO COHEN AS SHE IS RELOCATING TO FLA. **WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE EXEC. BOARD THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID 19 ISSUES.**

- **LUNCHEON DISCUSSION:**

THE BOARD IS NOT SURE IF WE WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED. SOME FEEL MAYBE A VIRTUAL DINNER AND SOME FEEL IT IS TOO DIFFICULT TO DO THIS YEAR.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.

- **TREASURY REPORT:**

\$3,595.99 IN THE HIGH YIELD ACCT.

SAVE COLUMBUS DAY \$823.50

CHECKING ACCOUNT \$15,763.19 WITH 1 O/S CHECK.

WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN INVOICE FOR THE RENT YET.

TONY N WILL SPEAK TO LUIGI THIS WEEK ABOUT UPDATED INVOICES AS NEEDED.

SOME RELIEF MAY BE IN LINE IF TONY CAN GET APPROVED. WE NEED AN INVOICE FOR AN AUDIT IF POSSIBLE.

FS REPORT J GROVE:

REVIEWED MONTHLY EXPENSE SHEET AS DISTRIBUTED.

A BUDGET OR REPORT EXPENSES MONTHLY SUGGESTED BY KEITH W.

JOANNE ALFONSO MOVED TO ACCEPT TREASURY SECONDED BY ED B. AND PASSED. WELLS FARGO STATEMENT CAME IN FOR THE QUARTER. MOTION BY M PRINCE TO APPROVE SEC BY ED B AND PASSED.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS ON THE SYRACUSE STATUE SITUATION AND THE MAYOR WAS URGED TO HOLD OFF AFTER COLUMBUS DAY WITH HIS DECISION AND THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE STATUE IS COMING DOWN THE FRIDAY BEFORE COLUMBUS DAY. STATUE IS OWNED BY THE CITY. JOHN SAYS MAYBE WE CAN DONATE SOME REVENUE FOR THE FIGHT OVER THIS STATUE. THE AMOUNT WILL BE \$5,000.00 FOR RECOMMENDATION.

KEITH WILSON MOVES TO DONATE \$5,000.00 TO THE SYRACUSE STATUE ORGANIZATION SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED. ED B SUGGESST AN AD FOR THE STATUE FIGHT IN SYRACUSE AS WELL. JOHN REPORTS THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE HAS THE COLUMBUS BROCHURE SENT BY JOHN AS NEEDED. COLUMBUS EDUC FOUNDATION PUT OUT A VIDEO ON THE TRUE STORY OF COLUMBUS. THIS CAN ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT COLUMBUS. THE KNIGHTS MAGAZINE ALSO HAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE FACTS ON COLUMBUS. MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND WE ARE GETTING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT US ON THE ISSUE.

- **BRONX ARTHUR AVE STATUE:**

JOHN TRYING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH PETER MEDONIA AND NO APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE. PROTESTERS NEEDED POLICE TO PROTECT THEM. THE PRESS IN THE AREA HAS NOT BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE AND JOHN IS DISAPPOINTED IN THIS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PORTRAYED AS THUGS. JOHN FEELS THE PRESS IS NOT OUR FRIEND. JOHN FEELS THAT IT IS SAD THAT THE MEDIA IS NOT PORTRAYING OCTOBER AS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH.

KEN ROSATO IS PART OF THE ENRICO FERMI SOCIETY IN YONKERS. CHANNEL 7 WABC JOHN WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH THEM. PUBLIC RELATIONS NEED TO BE TIGHTENED UP AS BEST AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR OWN BENEFIT. WE WILL SHARE ALL FB POSTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA AS NEEDED.

- **INVENTORY UPDATE:**

KEITH REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE ZINN BOOKS ARE OUT AND MORE WILL BE GIVEN AS NEEDED. THE GARAGE WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT AS NEEDED AFTER COVID 19 PROBLEMS. WE WILL GIVE THE ZINN BOOK OUT AS NEEDED. LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THIS UNIT ISSUE IS BECOMING A REAL DRAWN OUT PROBLEM WITH THE STORAGE UNIT. TOO MUCH BUREACRACY TO WRAP THIS UP. SOME FEEL JUST EMPTY IT OUT AND GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.

- **WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM SAYS WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE JUST NEED TO UPDATE MINUTES. KEITH WILL SEND.

- **DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS:**

DIST. 1 G. GRAHAM MAILED OUT SOME ZINN BOOKS AND THE REST ARE OUT AS NEEDED.
DIST. 2 KEITH WILL BE CALLING A MEETING AT HIS HOUSE FOR THE DIST. TO GET THINGS GOING.
DIST. 3 JOE FRATTA HAS NEW LIASONS APPOINTED AND HE WILL WORK ON OTHERS.
DIST. 4 J. ALFONSO HAS GOTTEN SOME NEW LIASONS ALSO.

- **BELLA LINGUA:**

M..RISPOLI WILL GET THE PACKETS OUT TO THE DIST CHAIRS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

- **DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:**

G. GRAHAM HAS NO NEWS BUT SHOULD WE DO IT THIS YEAR AS PARTICIPATION WAS POOR LAST YEAR AND SHOULD WE PURSUE. JOHN FEELS WE SHOULD HAVE THE KIDS TALK ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE INSTEAD.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

M. PRINCE REPORTS THAT L INGRAHAM SPOKE ON POSITIVE IMAGE ON HER SHOW ABOUT ITALIANS. MARIANNE MENTIONS COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL AND SUPPORT OF IT. FB POST REVIEWED BY MARIANNE ABOUT NATIONAL OSDIA PAGE AS IT WAS OFFENSIVE AS PRESENTED. MARIANNE SHOWED A PICTURE OF COLUMBUS HOUSE AND WAS OBTAINED BY A MEMBER OF THE CABOTO LODGE.

JOHN ASKED IF TOM ADAMO IS OK AND KEITH SPOKE TO HIM AND HE IS OK JUST NOT GETTING ON ZOOM ETC. FOR MEETINGS. V MARMORALE WILL FORWARD JOHN A NY PSOT ARTICLE ON COLUMBUS POSITIVE IMAGE.

- **EDUC. SUB COMMITTEE:**

LOU GALLO UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE WEBSITE AND ASKS JOHN AND TONY NACCARATO FOR A MESSAGE FOR THE SAVE COLUMBUS WEBSITE. RAY HARVEY SENT US SOME MATERIALS ON THE SITE. LOU REPORTED ON TH NIAF ZOOM MEETING AND LOU WAS ON THE MEETING. LU SPOKE ABOUT THE BOOK "MENZZAGIORNNO" MISTAKEN MYTHS ABOUT SOUTHERN ITALIANS AND SICILIANS STEREOTYPES UNFOUNDED. JOHN WILL SPEAK TO RAY ABOUT THE ZINN PROJECT MATERIAL THAT LOU SENT HIM. LOU REPORTS **SAG HARBOR SCHOOL DIST TO DECIDE CHANGING COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY USING A TASK FORCE. A RECOMMENDATION WILL BE MADE IN JANUARY 2021. TONY N ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND**

IS COMMITTED TO THE CSJ AND THE ISSUES WE FACE. FB LIVE WED AM WITH GIFT OF SIGHT AND COOLEYS ANEMIA PRODUCTIONS. THANKS TO ALL.

ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY

**KEITH WILSON
SECTY.**