

MINUTES OF MEETING
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2020
G/L OFFICE

THE MEETING OF THE CSJ EXEC. BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY CSJ VICE CHAIR ELEANOR JOBBAGY. THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WERE HELD AS USUAL.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **ELEANOR JOBBAGY**
- **KEITH WILSON**
- **LOU GALLO**
- **JO COHEN**
- **RAY AVERNA**
- **TOM ADAMO**
- **TONY ROTOLI**
- **MARIANNE PRINCE**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **G GRAHAM**
- ALL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WERE EXCUSED OR ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED WITH CORRECTIONS.
THE NEW COMMITTEE DIRECTORY WAS PASSED OUT AND THE BOARD APPROVED.

TREASURY REPORT:

JOE VALLONE GAVE THE UPDATED TREASURY REPORT AND IT WAS FILED AFTER BOARD APPROVALS. JOE REPORTED MANY OUTSTANDING CHECKS THAT NEED TO BE CASHED.

A TRANSFER WILL BE NEEDED TO DIST 1 ACCOUNT FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT AS PER GERI GRAHAM FOR A PROGRAM EXPENSE.

JOE PASSED OUT THE FS REPORT FOR JOANNE GROVE WHO WAS EXCUSED. ALL APPROVED AFTER REVIEW.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ELEANOR CALLED ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RENO NEVADA RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY:

NATIONAL IS LOOKING INTO FOR TRYING TO REVERSE DECISION.

DISPLAY BOARDS:

ELEANOR SPOKE TO JOE DEINNOCENTIS AND HE WILL ASSIST WITH MAKING UP THESE NEW BOARDS FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES.

NEA ISSUE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE ONE VOICE COALITION SHOULD GET INVOLVED AS THIS IS A NATIONAL ISSUE.

MAILING CAMPAIGN:

MARIANNE PRINCE REPORTS A NET PROFIT OF \$6,403.72. OF WHICH 50% CAME FROM DIST 2 MEMBERS.

STATUE VANDALS:

WE ARE STILL ASKING THE NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO LEGISLATE THIS INTO A "HATE CRIME" LAW.

MOVIE SPONSORSHIPS MONEY:

JOE VALLONE MOVES THAT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD WHENEVER WE SPONSOR A MOVIE WITH CSJ MONEY WE WILL REVIEW FIRST AND THEN PAY THE ASSOCIATED FEES. SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED.

BROOKLYN COLLEGE:

LANGUAGE PROGRAM STILL BEING LOOKED INTO AND THE CALANDRA INSTITUTE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE PROVOST THERE TO INSURE GOOD ENROLLMENT IN THE LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

MICHIGAN TEACHER ISSUE:

THERE WAS NO RESPONSE AS YET TO OUR REQUEST FOR TERMINATION. THIS WAS DUE TO WEARING A TEE SHIRT TO SCHOOL THAT READ "COLUMBUS WAS A MURDERER".

DAILY NEWS:

KEITH BRINGS UP ABOUT DAILY NEWS FRONT COVER REFERRAL TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AS THE GODFATHER ON THE FRONT PAGE. WE WILL SEND LETTER OF PROTEST AND SOME FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE STANDARD LETTERS TO GO OUT AS NEEDED FOR TIMELY RESPONSES.

DEBLASIO CABRINI ISSUE:

NOTHING NEW ON THIS AS YET. FUNDING WILL BE \$750,000.00 FROM NY AS NEEDED FOR STATUE OF MOTHER CABRINI IN BATTERY PARK CITY.

ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT ANGELO VIVOLO SENT OUT A PROMOTION PIECE FOR MEMBERSHIP AND THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN MARCH.

SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS:

LOU GALLO UPDATES THE BOARD ON THE RECENT BOARD MEETING. 26 OSDIA MEMBERS WERE THERE AND WE NEED TO GO ONCE MORE MARCH 3 FOR THEY TABLED THE DECISION ABOUT HOLIDAYS ON THE CALENDAR UNTIL THAT DAY. LOU REVIEWED THE LODGES THAT ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THE EFFORT. THE ADDRESS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO ATTEND IS SOUTHAMPTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 70 LELAND LANE SOUTHAMPTON. WE NEED TO SHOW FORCE AT THE NEXT MEETING AS PER LOU. LOU ASKED ALL EXEC BOARD MEMBERS TO E-MAIL THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ON THIS ISSUE AND KEITH LOOKED UP THE E-MAILS AND GAVE THEM OUT TO THE BOARD.

CAROL DELANEY BOOK TRANSLATION:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THERE ARE MORE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AS TO COST AND OTHER FACTORS. KEITH WILSON MOVED NOT TO PURSUE THIS ANY FURTHER. SECONDED BY JOE VALLONE AND PASSED.

LUNCHEON FEB 23:

JO COHEN CALLED ON M. PRINCE TO UPDATE ALL ON THE JOURNAL:

MARIANNE REPORTS THAT 31 OF 60 LODGES TOOK ADS AND THE PRINTER HAS THE BOOK FOR PUBLICATION. 125 BOOKS WILL BE PRINTED AND WE GROSSED \$7790.00 IN ADS AND THE NET WILL BE \$5590.00 WHICH IS \$335.00 LESS THEN 2019. MARIANNE SPOKE TO CATHY LEMBO LLOYD ABOUT DIST 4 AD AS WELL. JO COHEN REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 200 FOR THE LUNCHEON AND DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AS TO JEAN GAGLIARDOS FAMILY AND WHO WILL BE ATTENDING. JO WILL CHECK WITH JOE SCIAME AND GINA FERRARA ON THIS MATTER. DIST 2 WILL PRESENT FLOWERS TO JEANS DAUGHTER FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND A BRICK AS APPROVED.

WE WILL ONLY DO A SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE NO SWEEPS THIS YEAR.

BELLA LINGUA PROGRAM:

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT ALL THE PAPERS ARE OUT AND PROJECT IS IN FORMATION.

DABBENE IMMIGRANT ESSAY CONTEST:

GERI GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THE PAPERWORK WILL BE UPDATED TO INCLUDE JOHNS NAME AND WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THRU TONY DICOSTANZO AND KEITH FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE.

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THANKS TO KEITH W WE HAVE A NEW RESOURCE PERSON FROM CELLINI LODGE AND LOU SPOKE TO HER AND SHE IS A TEACHER AND WILL BE A GREAT HELP WITH NEEDED INFO. THE VOLUNTEER RECRUITS LETTER THAT WAS SENT BY LOU DID NOT GARNER ANY VOLUNTEERS SO WE WILL HAVE TO PICK PEOPLE ACCORDINGLY. A PACKET WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CSJ EXEC BOARD AS TO WHAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE DISTRICTS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE ZINN ED PROJECT ABOUT COLUMBUS. RICH DISILVIO ONE OF THE REVIEWERS THAT WE USED TOLD LOU THAT THERE IS A NIAF GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF AN IDEA OF A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION ABOUT A MOCK TRIAL ON COLUMBUS. TOURO LAW SCHOOL HAS A MOCK COURTHOUSE FOR THIS WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE. THIS CONCLUDED COMMITTEE REPORTS.

DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:

DIST 1:

G. GRAHAM REPORTS THAT A MEETING WAS HELD THIS PAST SATURDAY AND DIST 1 WILL BE HAVING A FUNDRAISER FOR NEEDED MONEY. DONNA DENATALE WHO HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT TO DIST 1 CSJ WILL BE HOLDING A WORKSHOP FOR ITALIAN STUDIES AT STONYBROOK UNIVERSITY ON MAY 4 2020.

DIST 2:

KEITH WILSON, ACTING CHAIRMAN, REPORTS THAT A MEETING WAS HELD JAN. 30 AT THE FARMINGDALE LIBRARY AND ALL WENT WELL. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED WHAT TO DO FOR JEAN GAGLIARDO AT THE LUNCHEON AND THEY WILL BE VOLUNTEER FUNDING A SECOND BELLA LINGUA AWARD THIS YEAR IN JEANS HONOR. ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FILLED OUT INFORMATION SHEETS SO THEY CAN BE CONTACTED AS NEEDED. KEITH SPOKE TO VINCE GIORDANO OF AMERICA LODGE AND ASKED HIM TO APPOIN A NEEDED LIASON.

DIST 3:

ELEANOR REPORTS FOR TONY AND CARL:

THE BELLA LINGUA HAS BEEN MAILED OUT AND THERE WILL A MEETING IN MARCH OF THE DIST 3 LIASONS. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT GIANNINI LODGE IN BROOKLYN. LIASONS ARE STILL NEEDED IN SOME LODGES.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOLOCAUST:

V MARMORALE REPORTS THAT HE HAS SPOKEN AT VARIOUS PLACES ON THE THIS ISSUE AND ANTI SEMITISM IS ON THE RISE. HE WAS ALSO UPSET ABOUT THE SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL MEETING AND THEIR ATTITUDE.

MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE SPEAKING TO SAL MOSCHELLA ABOUT DAVID BELLAVIA BEING ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. HE ALSO SHOWED THE BOARD A COLUMBUS COFFEE MUG THAT WE MIGHT ABLE TO USE AS A FUNDRAISER. COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT NANCY PELOSIS DAUGHTER DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT HER MOTHER AND ITALLAN TEMPER.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 14 LOCATION TBD.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:55 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON.