

**NY STATE ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA  
GRAND LODGE OF NY  
NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 9 2020  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- R FERRITO
- K WILSON
- L GALLO
- V MARMORALE
- M PRINCE
- T ROTOLI
- M RISPOLI
- G GRAHAM
- K WILSON
- C CIACCIO
- M FOCARAZZO

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

TH MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

**BOARD WAS MADE AWARE THAT JOE VALLONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL AND WE NEED TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS. ELEANOR WILL TAKE CONTROL OF CHECK BOOK WHILE JOE IS IN THE HOSPITAL.**

THE BOARD MOVE TO DONATE A BRICK IN JEAN GAGLIARDOS MEMORY FOR \$200.00 AT THE GMM PASSED.

**COLUMBUS STATUE CIRCLE:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT A REWARD IS BEING CIRCULATED FOR THE HEAD OF THE NY CITY COLUMBUS STATUE IN COLUMBUS CIRCLE AND AS OCTOBER GETS CLOSER THIS WILL REALLY HEAT UP. PHILADELPHIA LOOKING TO HAVE A MOTHER CABRINI STATUE RATHER THEN COLUMBUS AS WELL. THE NATIONAL CSJ SENT A LETTER TO PHILADELPHIA MAYOR RIZZO ON THIS AND THE PROCESS IN GENERAL. THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION ON BLACK LIVES MATTER ISSUE NOW AND HOW THE KILLING OF THE MAN IN THE MID WEST WAS THE IMPOTENCE FOR THIS WHOLE MATTER. SOME FEEL THERE IS A CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA. DISCUSSION ENUSED ABOUT A LETTER SPEAKING TO THE INJUSTICE TO AFRICAN AMERICANS. NO RESOLUTION ON THIS AT THIS TIME. ROBERT REPORTS THAT DONATIONS ARE COMING IN FOR COLUMBUS THRU THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE.

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO JOIN A LITTLE ITALY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND RENAISSANCE PROJECT TO REBUILD THE AREA AND KEEP THE ITALIAN FLAIR. HE WILL KEEP BOARD UPDATED AS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT. THIS IS ALSO BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN SAN DIEGO AS WELL. THE AREAS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ECONOMIC DISASTER LOANS. THIS WOULD BE A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC REVIVAL. JOHN ASKED EXEC. BOARD FOR SUPPORT AND ROBERT SAID NATIONAL MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST AS WELL.

**NEW ORLEANS:** NO UPDATE AT THIS TIME ONLY THAT \$4200.00 HAS BEEN COLLECTED FOR THE MARKER IN THE AREA WHERE LYNCHING TOOK PLACE.

**SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE SITUATION NEEDS REASSESSMENT. WE NEED TO MOBILIZE THE PEOPLE OUT THERE AND MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT THEY NEED TO DO. THE CALENDAR WILL BE GENERIC FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21.

**DIST 1 FESTIVAL REPORT:**

LOU WILL EMAIL THE COMMITTEE AND ASK IF THEY WANT TO GO FORWARD THIS YEAR IN LIEU OF COVID 19 PROBLEMS.

**EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:**

LOU REPORTS THAT HE HOPES ALL WERE ABLE TO REVIEW THE SLIDESHOW HE SENT OUT. OSDIA WILL BE LISTED ON THE CREDITS. NATIONAL AND STATE CSJ LIKE THE IDEA OF PROMOTING THIS SHOW AND WILL STAY INVOLVED.

**MEDAL OF HONOR:**

LOU REPORTS THAT HE WILL WORK WITH SAL MOSCHELLA ON UPDATING THE PROGRAMS AND WE WILL MAKE MORE KITS FOR THE REST OF THE STATE OSDIA DISTRICTS. DAVID BELLAVIA WILL BE ADDED AND JANET GALVIN CAN ASSIST AS WELL.

**COLUMBUS ISSUE:**

ROBERT REPORTS THAT NATIONAL IS PUTTING A SHOW TOGETHER FOR OCTOBER AND HE WOULD LIKE LOU ON THE COMMITTEE. LOU ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT. THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT IN MASSACHUSETTES. LOU REFERENCES THE MARY GRABER BOOK ON DEBUNKING COLUMBUS. CARL CIACCIO REVIEWED THE BOOK AND FEELS IT IS WORTHWHILE. THERE WAS ALSO A 1619 PROJECT FUNDED BY THE NY TIMES TO DEMPHASIZE WESTERN CULTURE AS WELL. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO GET COPIES OF THE BOOK FOR ALL THE BOARD AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS. CARL WILL CHECK PRICES AS NEEDED AND REPORT BACK. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO ALSO GIVE BOOK TO STATE GRAND LODGE PRESIDENTS THRUOUT THE COUNTRY AS WELL. ROBERT AGREED AND THEY WILL WORK ON THIS CONCEPT. JOHN MAY POSE AN EMAIL VOTE ON THIS TO THE BOARD.

**BELLA LINGUA:**

MARYANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT 6 OF 8 DISTRICTS PARTICIPATED. MARYANN WILL GIVE WINNERS NAMES AND INFO TO KEITH FOR THE MINUTES. THE G/L FOUNDATION TO PAY THE RECIPIENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM.

**MAILING CAMPAIGN:**

M. PRINCE REPORTS THAT SHE RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL \$75.00 FOR DONATIONS AND THE NET IS NOW \$6,683.72. ALL FELT JOB WELL DONE.

**STORAGE GARAGE:**

ELEANOR WILL MAKE UP AN INVENTORY LIST WHEN ABLE TO DO SO FOR THE STORAGE UNIT SUPPLIES.

**DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:**

G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT CHECKS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE WINNERS AND NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

**WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS ON URL NAME IS NOW [WWW.NEWYORKCSJ.ORG](http://WWW.NEWYORKCSJ.ORG)

**HOLOCAUST:**

VINCE M. REPORTS THAT HIS RECENT PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRAM WENT VERY WELL.

**LIABILITY POLICY:**

JOHN NEEDS TO CHECK AND SEE IF OUR D/O POLICY HAS BEEN PAID TO DATE.

**APPOINTMENT:**

JOHN AT THIS TIME APPOINTED KEITH WILSON AS THE NEW PERMANENT CHAIR FOR DIST 2 CSJ AND KEITH THANKED JOHN FOR THE CONFIDENCE AND APPOINTMENT.

**DIST 3:**

CARL CIACCIO REPORTS THAT A DOCUMENTARY ON FR. CAPPODANO HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR AN EMMY AWARD. THE BELLA LINGUA NOMINEE FOR DIST 3 WAS AWARDED VIRTUALLY AND THE LODGE WILL INCLUDE A CSJ COLUMN MONTHLY AS WELL.

**DIST 6:**

C MANNICIA REPORTS THAT ALL IS GOING WELL IN THE ALBANY AREA AND THE BELLA LINGUA WAS PUSHED BUT NO TAKERS NOW. THE 3 LODGES ARE DOING WELL.

JOHN WOULD LIKE TO ADD ZOOM TO OUR FUTURE IN PERSON MEETINGS AND ROBERT THANKED NY CSJ FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND KEEP GOING ON THE ISSUES.

NEXT MEETING JULY 14 2020 VIA ZOOM.

**MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON REC SECTY.**

