

**NYS CSJ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA

THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON

THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY JOHN FRATTA

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- G GRAHAM
- J GROVE
- L GALLO
- R FERRITO
- E BOCHYNSKI
- M PRINCE
- A ROTOLI
- M RISPOLI
- C CIACCIO

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING WERE NOT READ

THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE TO READ

CHAIRMAN FRATTA MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

- THE NEW TREASURER WILL BE GERI GRAHAM
- THE NEW DIST 3 CHAIR WILL BE JOE FRATTA
- THE NEW DINNER CHAIR WILL BE ELEANOR JOBBAGY AS JO COHEN IS RELOCATING TO FLA.

THE APPOINTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

TREASURY REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

- **CKG \$18,175.50**
- **SAVINGS \$3,595.81**
- **COL ACCT\$ 808.53**

THE INVESTMENT ACCT HAS APPROX \$123,000.00 IN THE ACCOUNT.

THE AUGUST STORAGE UNIT BILL WAS PAID

THE ZOOM MEETING BILL WAS ALSO PAID.

FS J GROVE REPORTS THAT THE ACCOUNTS BALANCES WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING AND SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH GERI AS THE NEW TREASURER.

ELEANOR WILL FILE THE NEEDED PAPERS FOR THE BRICK AT THE GMM IN HONOR OF JOE VALLONE.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

DINNER:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THIS IS STILL ON CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2021 AT RUSSOS AND DISCUSSION BEGAN ABOUT A NEW VENUE AND THE COMMITTEE WILL LOOK AROUND FOR A NEW PLACE TO HOLD THE 2022 DINNER. ALL AGREED. JOHN FELT RUSSOS COULD HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB AT LAST DINNER.

CARL SUGGESTED A VIRTUAL DINNER FOR 2021 AND JOHN SAID THEY WILL EXPLORE THIS IF NEEDED.

WE ALSO NEED TO DISCUSS THE HONOREES FOR THE 2021 DINNER AND ONE SUGGESTION WAS MARY GRABBA WHO LIVES IN UPSTATE NY, M PRINCE WILL SPEAK TO HER.

ZINN BOOKS:

CARL WILL BE ORDERING THESE BOOKS FOR THE BOARD AND KEITH GAVE HIM THE TAX NUMBER FOR PURCHASING PURPOSES. THE BOOKS WILL BE MAILED TO KEITH WILSON HOUSE AS NEEDED.

STATUE UPDATES:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE WHITE PLAINS STATUE IS OK FOR NOW AND ROBERT FERRITO REPORTS THAT HE AND THE STATE PRES ATTENDED A MEETING IN WHITE PLAINS WITH THE MAYOR FOR THIS PURPOSE. LOU GALLO MENTIONS THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONONDAGA COUNTY HIST COMMISSION AND THEIR NEGATIVITY TO THE STATUE. CARMINE FEDERICO WILL KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED AS THIS IS IN HIS AREA AS HE HAS PETITIONS TO KEEP THE STATUES UP TO BE SIGNED.

LOU SUGGESTS THAT WE FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF TO KEEP THE STATUES UP WITH THE LAWSUITS.

M PRINCE ASKED ABOUT WILKED BARRE PA STATUE AND THIS WAS REFERRED TO NATIONAL CSJ FOR UPDATES.

EDUC SUBCOMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT HE AND BOB GRAHAM WILL BE ADDING A COLUMBUS IINFO PAGE TO THE WEBSITE FOR COLUMBUS ISSUES. THE UPLOAD WILL BE CLARIFYING THE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE ZINN PROJECT AND HOW WE CAN JHELP BETTER GET THE FACTS OUT. LOU ALSO REFERENCED THE BOOK MEZZOGIORNO MISTAKEN BY JOHN DELUCA WHICH SOME OTHER BOARD MEMBERS GOT AS WELL. LOU ALSO FEELS THAT THE COLUMBUS COALITION NEEDS AN EXEC DIR TO WORK ON ALL THESE ISSUES AND JOHN MENTIONS THAT JOHN VIOLA IS THE NEW EXEC DIR.

STORAGE UNIT:

KEITH REPORTS THAT WHEN COVID OVER WE WILL INVENTORY ALL AND ELEANOR WILL MAKE UP A NEW SHEET FOR ALL TO USE.

CSJ WEBSITE

NO UPDATES AS PER BOB GRAHAM. BOB ASKED JOHN TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE AS NEEDED.

JOHN MENTIONS THAT VP BIDEN PICK FOR VP K HARRIS IS A KNOWN COLUMBUS HATER.

DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:

DIST 1 G GRAHAM REPORTS ALL LIASONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED AS NEEDED

DIST 2 KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT HE WILL SEND THE EXEC MINUTES OUT TO ALL LIASONS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED.

DIST 3 CARL CIACCIO REPORTS THAT THE BELLA LINGUA AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN VIA ZOOM AND THE CHECKS ARE IN HAND FOR THE AWARDS. CARL REPORTS THAT THE CAPODANO LODGE HAS A NEW LIASON LORETTA DRAGONE.

NOTRE DAME:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT NOTRE DAME SCHOOL WILL BE REVISING THEIR PROGRAM ON BALCK HISTORY AND THE FOUNDIG OF THE USA. THEY WILL ALSO ADD INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AS WELL.

BLACK AND LATINO ARE IN THE MAJORITY NOW AND THEY ARE BEING CATERED TO.

M PRINCE MENTIONS THAT SHE HAS SPOKEN WITH DEJANA AND THE GRANTS AND MONEY WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CSJ SOON.

SHE ALSO MENTIONS THAT SHE ALSO SAW A DOCUDRAMA ON COLUMBUS INVOLVING JOHN CUCIOLI AND JOE MISTRETTA WHICH NEEDS SOME REVISIONS TO THE FACTS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME TO THE BOARD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY