

**ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA
GRAND LODGE OF NY
NYS COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY THE
CHAIRMAN. THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **A NACCARATO**
- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **J GROVE**
- **L GALLO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **A ROTOLI**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **J ALFONSO**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACC. AS CORRECTED.

COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDED:

UPDATED DIRECTORY AND DEJANA FOUNDATION COMMUNICATION.

TREASURY REPORT:

G GRAHAM GAVE HER REPORT THAT WAS EMAILED TO ALL.

WE RECEIVED A FULL YEAR RENT BILL FOR THE GL OFFICE AND WE WILL PAY
ACCORDINGLY. TOTAL \$8,100.00 WHICH HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM \$9,000.00
MOTION MADE TO PAY THE RENT AND PASSED. THE REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THE
MINUTES. REPORT ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD.

FS REPORT:

J GROVE REPORTS THAT WE WERE IN BALANCE UNTIL THE RENT INVOICE THAT JUST
CAME IN AND WE WILL NEED TO MANAGE ACCORDINGLY. THERE WAS NOT MANY
EXPENSES THIS QUARTER DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC. THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY
THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

COLUMBUS STATUES:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THIS ISSUE IS ON GOING AND HE IS NOT VERY PLEASED WITH THE
COALITION INACTIVITY ON THIS AS TIME HAS GONE ON. THE EDUCATION PART OF THE
COALITION IS ACTIVE BUT THE ADVOCACY PIECE HAS NOT BEEN DOING MUCH. THE
ORDER GAVE OVER \$50,000.00 IN TOTAL TO THE COALITION AND WE SHOULD MAKE OUR
DISPLEASURE HEARD. KEITH WILSON MOVES THAT WE SUPPORT OUR CHAIRMAN AND
ALLOW HIM TO VOICE HIS DISPLEASURE WITH OUR FULL SUPPORT. SECONDED BY V
MARMORALE AND PASSED.

SYRACUSE AND OTHER AREA STATUE ISSUES:

JOHN AND LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT SYRACUSE HAS NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION ON THIS AND APPEARS THEY MAY BE RESTORING THE STATUE TO AS IS STATUS. WHICH IS GOOD NEWS FOR THE ORDER. NEW BRITAIN CONN SEEMS POISED TO NOT BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE THE VETO OF THE MAYOR OF THE STATUE REMOVAL AND THIS IS ALSO GOOD FOR US. LOU FEELS THAT THE SAG

HARBOR SCHOOL DIST IS UNDERTAKING THE CALENDAR DISCUSSION FOR 2021-22 AND THEY HAVE A COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE OF CHANGING TO THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. MORE TO COME IN THE NEXT MONTHS AHEAD. LOU WILL MONITOR AS NEEDED.

WEBSITE:

BOB GRAHAM UPDATES ALL THAT THE WEBSITE IS ON TRACK. WE HAVE A NEW URL FOR THE CSJ AND THAT IS NEWYORKCSJ.ORG THIS WILL BE USED GOING FORWARD AND WE WILL PRINT THIS ON ALL MATERIAL IN THE FUTURE. THE MINUTES AND ALL OTHER MATERIALS ARE ALL ON THE SITE AS NEEDED.

CONVENTION DONATIONS:

THE CSJ GARNERED \$4885.00 IN DONATIONS FROM THE MAILING IN LIEU OF THE CONVENTION.

DEJANA GRANTS:

M. PRINCE REVIEWED THE DONATIONS TO DATE FROM DEJANA TOTALS OF **OVER \$30,000.00** FOR ALL AREAS OF OSDIA. THEY REALLY APPRECIATE OUR WORK. MARIANNE REFERRED TO THE GRANTS BEING \$10,000.00 AND THEN \$5,000.00 THAT WAS PLEDGED AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON. JOHN SENT A LETTER TO THANK THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL THE DONATIONS THEY HAVE GIVEN US ALREADY. THEY HAVE ALSO SPONSORED MANY NIGHTS AT EISENHOWER PARK IN EAST MEADOW.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JOHN CALLED ON THE FOLLOWING TO REPORT:

LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR FEELS THAT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE THE DINNER DUE TO COVID AND TRY OTHER AREAS OF REVENUE. TONY ROTOLI WILL RUN A SHARE THE WEALTH BOARD AND WE WILL ALSO TRY TO RUN A JOURNAL AND RAISE MORE FUNDS.

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT THE WEBSITES ARE STILL BEING UPDATED BY BOB GRAHAM AND THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WHEN WE CAN.

BELLA LINGUA PROGRAM:

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS THAT THE MAILINGS ARE ALL OUT AND FEB. MOST DISTRICTS WILL BE KICKING THIS OFF AND DIST 6 HOWEVER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS THEY DO NOT HAVE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN THAT AREA.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE UNDERWAY SOON AND SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE RESULTS COMING IN. KEITH WILL GET BROCHURES TO GERI ASAP.

HOLOCAUST PROGRAM:

VINCE MARMORALE WILL BE TRAVELING TO ANOTHER STATE UPON REQUEST TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THIS MATTER AND WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

DIST. CHAIR REPORTS:

- 1- G GRAHAM HAD NO FURTHER INFO TO REPORT.
- 2- K WILSON MENTIONS THAT HE ASKED MARYANN RISPOLI TO GET OUT THE MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO EXEC BOARD MEETINGS TO KEEP ALL IN THE LOOP. THE COULUMBUS BOOKS ARE BEING GIVEN OUT AS NEEDED.

4 J ALFONSO REPORTS THAT SHE IS KEEPING ALL UPDATED AS BEST SHE CAN DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND ALL PEOPLE ARE STAYING OUT SO IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET THINGS DONE.

STATE PRESIDENT TONY NACCARATO THANKED ALL FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK AND WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CSJ.

JOHN FRATTA ALSO THANKED THE BOARD AS WELL FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND WORK OF THE ORDER.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:20 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

KEITH WILSON
SECRETARY

ATTACHMENTS