

**NYS CSJ MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
MAY 12 2021 WED.
ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PLEDGE AND PRAYER WERE SAID AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD
ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **L GALLO**
- **J GROVE**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **M PRINCE**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **J ALFONSO**
- **C FEDERICO**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **R FERRITO STATE IPP AND NATIONAL CSJ PRESIDENT**
- **ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.
COMMUNICATIONS WERE EMAILS SENT AND ONE NEEDS RATIFICATION FOR AN EXPENDITURE.
THE NY POST AD WAS SHOWED AND MANY FELT THE ADD WAS EFFECTIVE.

TREASURY REPORT:

G GRAHAM REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 30 2021 \$24,655.89 IN CHECKING

THREE DEPOSITS MADE AND GERI GAVE THE BREAKDOWN. \$5,560.00 DEPOSITED

CHECKS WRITTEN WERE REPORTED AS WELL. \$983.00 PAID OUT

O/S CHECKS STILL NOT CASHED

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER TO THE COLUMBUS ACCT

COLUMBUS ACCT BALANCE \$3,328.53

SAV ACCT \$3,596.40

F/S REPORT:

BUDGET:

J. GROVE REPORTS THAT THE MONEY GENERATED THIS YEAR WAS \$33,000.00 AND NOT CLOSE TO THE \$50,000.00 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR. JOHN FEELS WE MAY NEED TO GO TO THE OSDIA FOUNDATION AND GET MONEY IF NEEDED TO KEEP THE BUDGET BALANCED. KEITH ASKS IF WE CAN CUT ANY WHERE TO SAVE MONEY BUT WE NEED MORE REVENUE FOR THE COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE. ED B ASKS IF WE CAN GET A BREAKDOWN IN THE MARKET INVESTMENTS WE HAVE AND USE MONEY IF NEEDED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON THIS MATTER BY THE BOARD AND SOME IDEAS WERE FLOATED AROUND FOR REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS. PER CAPITA WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL. THE BUDGET MAY BE MANAGEABLE FOR BREAK EVEN PURPOSES AS WELL. MOTION TO PRESENT BUDGET AT THE NEXT MEETING AFTER COMMITTEE REVIEW AND PASSED.

NATIONAL CSJ:

R FERRITO REPORTS THE WORK HAS BEEN DAUNTING ON THE COLUMBUS ISSUE AND WE MAY TURN THE TIDE VERY SOON AND NY WILL BE THE LYNCH PIN FOR THIS ISSUE. EDUCATION IS THE KEY ISSUE ON THIS MATTER AND WE NEED TO EDUCATE ALL ON THIS MATTER. BASIL RUSSO ALSO WAS IN ATENDANCE TODAY AS WELL. SOME FEEL WE SHOULD GIVE IN AND ALLOW THE CHANGE TO THE HOLIDAY AS NEEDED. MANY ORGANIZATIONS WERE INVOLVED AS WELL AND OUR PEOPLE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS AS WELL. JOHN MAY PUT AN AD IN THE GOLDEN LION FOR REVENUE JUST LIKE THE NATIONAL DOES. WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO ANOTHER RAFFLE LIKE THE NINA PINTA AND SANTA MARIA. WE WILL DO THE FUNDRAISER THE END OF OCTOBER PER JOHN F AND ELEANOR AND TONY WILL HANDLE.

SYRACUSE STATUES:

JOHH TOLD CARMINE THAT THE MONEY WAS SENT FOR THE LAWN SIGNS AS NEEDED AND CARMINE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITY UP THERE FOR THE STATUES. LAWN SIGNS ARE OUT AND MORE TO COME WITH THE COMMITTEE. THERE IS A GROUP CALLED W.I.S, H THEY ARE ON THE LEFT AND ARE AGAINST THE STATUES ISSUE AND THIS IS A GROUP OF WOMEN MAKING NOISE AND THEY ARE ITALIAN AMERICANS AND BOB F ASK TO ENGAGE THEM IN A DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION. THE CITY OF SYRACUSE HAS NOT ANSWERED THE NOTICE OF CLAIM AS YET FOR THE STATUES EITHER. WE MAY HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THIS WISH GROUP DOWN THE ROAD. J ALFONSO LOOKED UP THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE DURING THE MEETING AND THEIR MISSION WAS LISTED. M PRINCE FEELS WE NEED TO APPROACH THEM SOONER THEN LATER AND DIFFUSE THIS SITUATION. WE NEED TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON AS WELL

FOUNDATIONS:

M PRINCE UPDATED THE BOARD ON LATEST INVESTIGATIONS AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH MELLON GROUP AND TRYING TO GET THEM TO DONATE.

WEBSITE:

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THE MINUTES ARE POSTED AND YOU CAN GET THEM THERE. OUR ORIGINAL NYSCSJ.ORG IS NOW RETURNED AND BEING USED BY US AGAIN.

STORAGE UNIT:

STATUS QUO PER GERI G.

EDUC. SUB COMMITEEE:

LOU GALLO TRYING TO GET THE SCHOOLS INVOLVED AND REFERS ALL TO THE WEBSITE THERE IS A WEBSITE CALLED **EDPUZZLE** AND ALLISON VITTUCCI GOT SOME OF THESE COLUMBUS ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE. LI COUNCIL ON SOCIAL STUDIES HAS THEIR CONVENTION OCT 29 AND WE MAY HAVE A TABLE AS WELL. LOU SAYS ALLISON HAS BEEN A GREAT RESOURCE. JOHN MENTIONS THE GROUP CAMPUS REFORM THAT IS OUT THERE.

BELLA LINGUA

M RISPOLI REPORTS THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED NAMES FROM 5 DISTRICTS AND REVIEWED THEM WITH THE COMMITTEE. CHECKS HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY JOHN FOR THE AWARDS.

DABBENE CONTEST

G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT NINE SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ALL BUT DIST 3 AND 6 HAVE SUBMITTED. JUNE 1 IS THE DEADLINE.

HOLOCAUST:

V MARMORALE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

L GALLO NEEDS TO CONTACT HILLSDALE COLLEGE AND VINCE FEELS WE NEED TO CALL THEM AND GIVE THEM A SHOT ON THIS MATTER ON COLUMBUS. VINCE REMINDS ALL TO DISCUSS COLUMBUS HATRED AND BEING AGAINST IT AS MUCH AS WE CAN. CASA BELVEDERE WILL SHOW "MY ITALIAN SECRET" MOVIE ON MAY 18 ON STATEN ISLAND. VINCE IS SENDING LESSON PLANS TO ITALIAN TEACHERS. KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOW MY ITALIAN SECRET AT THE GMM MUSEUM AS A PROGRAM FOR THE SONS OF ITALY ALSO. LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT VINCE MARMORALE RECEIVED THE DANTE AWARD RECENTLY.

J COHEN GIFT:

M PRINCE REPORTS THAT A WATERFORD CRYSTAL CLOCK WAS PICKED FOR HER GIFT AT A PRICE OF \$224.00 FROM THE CSJ.

DIST CHAIRS:

DIST 1:

G GRAHAM MEETING WAS HELD WITH ZOOM AND LOU GALLO WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AND ALL WERE UPDATED AND THEY MAY DO A CONTEST AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL. MORE TO COME. ESSAY ON COLUMBUS WAS SUBMITTED FROM SMITHTOWN HS ENTRY. THIS MAY BE FEATURED IN THE GOLDEN LION.

DIST 2:

KEITH WILSON REPORTS THAT HE SENT OUT ALL THE MINUTES TO THE LIASONS THRU M RISPOLI. ALL THINGS ARE MOVING ALONG WITH CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS

DIST 4:

J ALFONSO REPORTS ALL UP TO DATE IN THE DIST AND DABBENE CONTEST WAS PARTICIPATED IN AS WELL. ALL INFO GOES OUT ASAP FROM JOANNE AS NEEDED.

DIST 7:

C FEDERICO REPORTS THAT A DISTRICT MEETING WAS HELD AND CARMINE REMINDED ALL TO FOLLOW THRU ON THESE CONTESTS LIKE DABBENE AND BELLA LINGUA. THE PRESIDENTS IN DIST 7 NEED TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE MATTERS IN A TIMELY MANNER. ALL ELSE THE SAME.

NEW BUSINESS:

JOHN REPORTS THAT HE SENT GOV CUOMO A THANK YOU LETTER FOR SUPPORTING US AND THE STATUE IN COLUMBUS CIRCLE AND CALLED THE VANDALISM OF THE STATUE A HATE CRIME. HE ASKED THE GOVERNOR FOR STATE POLICE TO OVERSEE AND GUARD THE STATUES BEING A STATE HISTORICAL MARKER. WE MAY DO SOME ADVERTISING ON TAXI CAB SIGNS ALSO. LOU SPOKE WITH THE DOMINICAN COMMUNITY AND MAY MAKE A GREAT CONTACT ALSO. NEW ORLEANS SCULPTURE FUNDRAISER WAS NOT GOING WELL AND WE MAY GET A PLAQUE INSTEAD. WE NEED \$250,000.00 FOR THIS PROJECT. THE NEW ORLEANS MAYOR LATOYA JACKSON OFFERED HER SUPPORT FOR COLUMBUS DAY TO ANGELO VIVOLO. KEITH ASKED IF ANYONE IS WATCHING THE NY TIMES ARTICLES FOR THE COLUMBUS ISSUE. JOHN FEELS WE MAY DO A MEETING IN PERSON OVER THE SUMMER. M PRINCE SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOWCASE THE DABBENE CONTEST IN THE GOLDEN LION ANNUALLY FOR MORE PARTICIPATION.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:50 P.M.

MINUTES ATTESTED TO

KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY.