

**NYS CSJ EXEC BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 8 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY STATE CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA  
THE PRAYER WAS SAID AND THE PLEDGE WAS HELD AND LED BY JOHN FRATTA.  
MOMENT OF SILENCE HELD. **THIS MEETING WAS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF NICK MAURO, BENE EMERITUS AND TONY ROTOLI MOTHER. BOTH WHO PASSED THIS PAST WEEK.**  
THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT.

- **JOHN FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **L GALLO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **C FEDERICO**
- **M FOCCARAZZO**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.

- **TREASURY:**
- G GRAHAM REPORTS ALL RECONCILED 18,938.25 TWO DEPOSITS IN MAY WERE MADE
- \$7157.44 PAID OUT IN MAY. 2 O/S CHECKS ARE STILL OUT THERE. \$3,328.53 IN THE COLUMBUS ACCT. 3,586.45 IN THE HIGH YIELD ACCOUNTS.
- ***DIST BALANCES:***
- ***DIST 1 \$914.73***
- ***DIST 2 \$2,138.32***
- ***DIST 3 \$826.55***

REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD JOHN PAID ZOOM FOR THE YEAR 153.51 TOTAL.K  
WILSON MOVED TO PAY JOHN SECONDED AND PASSED.

JOHN ASKED WHAT THE DISTRICTS DO WITH THAT MONEY. RESPONSE WAS GIVEN. THE EXPLANATION WAS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE MONEY.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED ANGELO VIVOLO TO THE CUNY BOARD AND ADRIANA TRIGIANI TO THE ARTS COMMISSION. THIS WILL HELP US VERY MUCH AS A CSJ BOARD IN ALL AREAS. SEN DIANE SAVINO MADE THE VIVOLO NOMINATION TO THE SENATE. HAND VOTE WAS HELD AND IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE BUT NOT A CLOSED BALLOT.

- **COLUMBUS ISSUE:**

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED IN SEN. BIAGGI AND HAS NOT KEPT HER WORD TO US ON THIS MATTER. SHE MAY HAVE CO SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY. US REP SUOZZI HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO US ON THE MATTER OF COLUMBUS AND SUPPORTS US AS WELL. HE HAS BEEN VERY UPFRONT ON THIS ISSUE OF COLUMBUS. PRESIDENT BIDEN HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION YET. THE VP SUPPORTS ELIMINATING COLUMBUS DAY.

NEW JERSEY HAVING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN RANDOLPH N.J. THEY WILL BE SPLITTING THE DAY BETWEEN IPD AND ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY. JERSEY CITY IS STUDYING THE ISSUE MORE BEFORE THE CHANGE. LOU REPORTS THAT PORTSMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE CITY COUNCIL DEFEATED THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE COLUMBUS DAY BY A 5-4 VOTE. COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS IS ALSO LOOKING TO CHANGE THE DAY BUT A COUNCILMAN OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STATUS SAID WE WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS UNTIL SLAVERY IS RENOUNCED BY THE INDIGENOUS GROUP.

JOHN FEELS THOSE IN FAVOR OF CHANGING THE HOLIDAY ARE IN CONCERT WITH THE KU KLUX KLAN. VINCE MENTIONS THAT MANY TRIBES SUPPORTED THE CONFEDERATE MOVEMENT IN THE PAST.

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS:**

JOHN FEELS WE NEED TO PUT A PROGRAM TOGETHER FOR THE YOUNG ITALIANS AND REACH OUT TO THEM. HE ASKED LOU GALLO TO ASSIST. LOU FEELS THERE MAY BE A FEW GROUPS OUT THERE AND WE CAN WORK WITH THEM LIKE THE FACEBOOK PAGE YOUNG ITALIANS.

- **CANADIAN ISSUE:**

PRES. TRUDEAU HAS ISSUED AN APOLOGY TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND CANADIANS FOR INTERMENT DURING WORLD WAR II. WE WILL ASK CONGRESS TO APOLOGIZE TO ITALIAN AMERICANS DURING WWII. 600,000 ITALIANS WERE ENCAPPED DURING THE WAR. WE WANT AN APOLOGY FOR THIS. THEY WERE CLASSIFIED AS ENEMY ALIENS. VINCE THINK THAT ELIOTT ENGEL IN CONGRESS IN 99 PASSED A RESOLUTION OF APOLOGY ON THIS MATTER. WE MAY HAVE SOME POSTER BOARDS ON THIS ISSUE IN THE STORAGE UNIT ALSO. WE MAY HAVE A PRESENTATION ON THIS ITEM WE NEED TO LOOK FOR. ITALIANS WERE THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP IN WW II AND HAD THE HIGHEST INJURY RATE ALSO.

- **CITY M/D PAPERS:**

JOHN VISITED THEM AND THEY DID NOT HAVE ITALIAN ON THEIR PAPERWORK FOR AN ETHNIC BACKGROUND. JOHN WILL REVISIT THIS AS WELL.

- **ASIAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

JOHN FEELS THAT THE ATTACKS ON THIS COMMUNITY ARE HORRIBLE AND WE SHOULD OFFER SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER. THIS WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. ELEANOR FEELS THIS WOULD KEEP US IN A GOOD LIGHT AND HELP OTHERS. KEITH FEELS THAT WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN THEIR MATTERS. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE. MARIANNE REMINDS ALL THAT WE TARGET BIAS AND BIGOTRY FOR ALL. ED AND JOHN FEEL THAT WE SHOULD PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD. ELEANOR JOBBAGY MOVES TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND IT WAS SECONDED. PASSED BY THE BOARD.

- **SYRACUSE ISSUE:**

C. FEDERICO REPORTS THAT THE PAPERS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE COURT AND MORE INFO WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THIS MATTER. THE WISH CLUB HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THE LAST MEETING. JOHN FEELS THAT THE PHILADELPHIA ISSUE MAY NET SOME GREAT RESULTS FROM THE SUIT ALSO. CARMINE REPORTS THAT THE LAWN SIGNS ARE GOING WELL AND SOMEONE IN MISSOURI HAS ASKED FOR A LAWN SIGN. CARMINE WILL SEND OUT A PICTURE WITH THE LAWN SIGNS FOR THE GOLDEN LION TO USE ALSO.

TONY ROTOLI REPORTS ARTHUR AVENUE STATUE IN THE BRONX HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED AT ALL.

- **FOUNDATIONS EXPLORATIONS:**

M PRINCE LOOKED INTO MELLON FOUNDATION FOR US AND ESSAY WAS FILED FOR UNDER 300 WORDS OR LESS PER THEIR RULES. M PRINCE SAT VIRTUALLY WITH MIKE DEJANA WHO IS PETER DEJANA COUSIN AND TOOK A TABLE AT NELA. THE GENNARO POPE FOUNDATION IS LOCATED IN TUCKAHOE AND GIVE OUT GRANTS AS WELL. MARIANNE WILL APPROACH THEM ALSO. THEIR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR IS ROBERT DEBERNARDO AND MARIANNE WILL SEND HIM A LETTER AND CSJ PACKET. WE MAY BE ASKED HOW ARE WE GOING TO SPEND THE REVENUE. WE WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM THEM AND THEN RESPOND.

- **WEBSITES:**

BOB GRAHAM NYSCSJ.ORG ALL SET TO GO AND WORKING. WE MAY MERGE WEBSITES DOWN THE ROAD AS WELL.

- **EDUC. SUB COMMITTEE:**

LOU GALLO REPORTS THAT OCT. 29 2021 IS SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE AT MELVILLE MARRIOTT AND WE HAVE FILED FOR COLUMBUS PRESENTATION FOR CSJ. WE NEED TO GET TO THE TEACHERS. ELEANOR ASKS HAVE WE REACHED OUT TO THE TEACHERS' UNIONS.

LOU ASKED FOR THIS TEACHER THAT SPOKE TO ELEANOR TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM FOR THE MATTER AT HAND ABOUT COLUMBUS. CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS ALSO BEING TAUGHT AS WELL. LOU UPDATES THE BOARD ON THE LATINO COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FEELS IT IS INTERESTING AND YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH OUTREACH AND JOHN SPOKE TO FERNANDO MATTEO AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER HELP FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

**BELLA LINGUA:**

M. RISPOLI REPORTS ALL CHECKS ARE MAILED OUT AND ALL WRAPPED UP. KEITH WILSON ASKED TO HAVE THE WINNERS READ THEIR RESUMES AT A FUTURE EVENT.

**DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:**

G GRAHAM REPORTS ALL ARE IN AND JUDGING WILL BE SOON.

**HOLOCAUST:**

VINCE THANKED ALL FOR THE SUPPORT ON HIS DOCUMENTARY WORKING ON SOME PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL AND ANNA MARIA MONACO AT SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE. AP CLASS IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE HAD A ZINN PROJECT INTRODUCED AND THE TEACHER WAS SUSPENDED FOR DOING THIS IN THE SCHOOL. JOHN FEELS SOME PARENTS ARE GETTING ANGRY ABOUT WHAT KIDS ARE BEING TAUGHT AND WILL REBEL AGAINST THIS. GERI GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THE THREE LEFT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN SMITHTOWN WERE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE LAST MONTH. THREE BOARD MEMBERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE TRUTH. TEXAS HAD A 75% VOTE ON GETTING THE LEFT OUT OF A SCHOOL VOTE ALSO. SOME FEEL A CIVIL WAR IS COMING ON THESE ISSUES.

**DIST CHAIRS REPORTS:**

**DIST 1:**

G. GRAHAM REPORTS THAT SELLARO HAS INVITED THE BELLA LINGUA RECIPIENT TO THEIR AWARDS CEREMONY. NEW CONTEST FOR ELEMENTARY CONTEST IS IN FORMATION.

**DIST 2:**

K. WILSON REPORTS THAT THE ZINN BOOKS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE DIST. PRES. MEETING AND WE WILL GET THE CSJ LIASONS TOGETHER SHORTLY.

**DIST 8:**

M. FOCARAZZO REPORTS THAT ALL INFO IS OUT AND THIS THURSDAY IS THEIR FIRST IN PERSON MEETING FOR AWARDS NIGHT. JOHN ASKED IF WE CAN GIVE ZINN BOOK TO ALL STUDENTS IF WE HAVE THEM AND WE WILL DO THAT.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

M. PRINCE READ WHAT SHE WROTE TO JO COHEN WITH HER PARTING GIFT FROM MOVING TO FLA. AND LEAVING THE CSJ BOARD AFTER 40 YEARS.

LUNCHEON CATERING HALLS HAVE BEEN EXPLORED BY ELEANOR IS WAITING FOR AN ANSWER FROM THREE PLACES. WE WILL DO A BRUNCH LUNCHEON ALSO. FLORAL TERRACE AND INN AT NEW HYDE PARK AND SAND CASTLE WERE LOOKED INTO. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO GIONDOS. STEWART MANOR CC AND ROYAL PALM WILL BE LOOKED INTO.

ELEANOR WILL DO ANOTHER RAFFLE BOARD AND WE WILL GET APPROVALS. WE HAVE A DESIGN FOR THE RAFFLE AS WELL.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:50 P.M.

NEXT MEETING JULY 13, 2021 VIA ZOOM

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

**KEITH WILSON  
REC SECTY  
ATTACHMENTS**