

MINUTES OF MEETING
NYSCSJ BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7: 35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.
THE OPENING PRAYER WAS SAID AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.
THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **L GALLO**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **J ALFONSO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **T ROTOLI (LATE)**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED AND APPROVED.
CORRESPONDENCE WAS LIMITED TO DIST 6 NEED A LIASON AND CAPADANO LODGE HAS A NEW
LIASON LORRAINE DRAGONE.

- **TREASURY REPORT: G GRAHAM**

GERI SENT ALL INFO TO CPA FOR AUDIT.

BALANCES \$22,979.51 CLOSING

TWO DEPOSITS WERE RECENTLY MADE.

WELLS FARGO AND REIMBURSABLE CHECK.

CHECKS PAID OUT WERE FOR THE DABBENE WINNERS AND A REILLY CASHED HIS WINNING
RAFFLE CHECK

PRIME STORAGE WAS PAID AND POSTAGE AS WELL FOR JOHN.

3,328.53 IN SAVE COLUMBUS ACCOUNT

HIGH YIELD SAV ACCT BALANCE IS \$3,596.57

- **TOTAL \$29,904.61**

JOHN REMINDED GERI THAT WE NEED TO SEND CARL CIACCIO A CHECK FOR THE NEW ZINN
BOOKS ORDERED. MOTION BY MARYANNE AND ED TO ACCEPT AND PASSED.

- **AGENDA ITEMS:**

JOHN SPOKE WITH MARK VENTIMIGLIA ABOUT THE CANDIDATE SURVEY FOR ALL TO ANSWER
AND THE GL DEADLINE WILL BE NOV. 15, 2021. WE NEED TO MAKE UP THE SURVEY AND GET IT
OUT AND MAKE SURE THE RESPONSES COME IN. WE WILL DESIGN AND BE ABLE TO GET OUT
AND USE THE RESULTS. RESPONSES WILL GO TO ED BOCHYNSKI AND BE SORTED OUT.

- **GOV. CUOMO SITUATION:**

JOHN FEELS ON THE COLUMBUS ISSUE THAT WE HAVE A LOSS AS CUOMO WAS ON OUR
SIDE ON THAT ISSUE. CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO THE NEW GOVERNOR TO SEE IF SHE
IS ON OUR SIDE. JOHN FEELS A MEETING MIGHT DO BETTER WITH K. HOCHUL FOR OUR
ISSUES.

- **SYRACUSE ISSUE:**

C. FEDERICO REPORTS THAT THE COURT DATE WILL BE OCT 22 OR 27 FOR THE CASE AGAINST
THE CITY OF SYRACUSE FOR COLUMBUS DAY STATUE.

- **DREXEL UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA ET AL:**

JOHN IS UPPOSED TO HEAR FROM THE HEADMASTER ABOUT THE COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE THERE ALSO AND HAS NOT HEARD ANYTHING YET. OSDIA AND UNICO IS BEHIND THEM AND SUPPORTS THIS CAUSE. THE FORMER NEWARK MAYOR AND PHILADELPHIA MAYOR ARE BEING ATTACKED FOR BRINGING DOWN CRIME IN THEIR CITIES. NEWARK PUT UP A STATUE OF GEORGE FLOYD. COLORADO IS STILL PETITIONING FOR THE ISSUE TO BE LEFT ALONE. WE ALL NEED TO STAY UNIFIED BEHIND THIS ISSUE.

JOHN FEELS WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO GET TO THE KIDS ON THIS ISSUE. THE COLLEGES AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO GET THE RIGHT MESSAGE TO THE KIDS. THE EARLIER THE BETTER WITH THE SCHOOLS ALSO. WE WILL CONTINUE MONITORING ALL AREAS.

- **FOUNDATIONS:**

M PRINCE REPORTS THAT THE POPE FOUNDATION DID NOT RESPOND AND SOME OTHER FOUNDATIONS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR OSDIA TO BE DONATED TO.

- **RAFFLE:**

ELEANOR REPORTS 25 SOLD TO DATE AND NOW ON FACEBOOK ALSO. WE WILL ASK TONY DECOSTANZO TO PUT OUT AS WELL. WE HOPE ALL RESPOND IN KIND FOR THE DONATIONS. TONY AND ELEANOR HAD A MEETING TO GET ORGANIZED. THREE PRIZES BASED ON 100 PARTICIPANTS. OCT 12 IS DEADLINE AND OCT 18 IS DRAWING.

FEBRUARY 2022 LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT SHE LOOKED INTO A COUPLE OF PLACES AND DATE WILL BE FEBRUARY AND RUSSOS IS \$77.00 PER HEAD AND WE MAY GO BACK THERE. WE COULD GO BACK THERE. SOME FEEL WE ARE KNOCKING OURSELVES OUT TO GIVE MONEY TO A CATERER.

- **WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM ALL UP TO DATE AND MINUTES ARE ON AS WELL. ANNA MARIA VILLA WILL HELP US WITH OUR PAGE AND KEEP THINGS UPDATED ON PR WORK.

- **DISTRICTS ISSUES:**

JOHN FEELS HE NEEDS TO GET DIST 3 IN PLACE FOR ALL TO BE ORGANIZED AS WE MOVE ALONG. JOHN WILL ALSO VISIT DIST 4 JOE DIMAGGIO FOR ALL WORK TO BE DISCUSSED AND RESTRUCTURE THE BOARDS AS NEEDED. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THIS MATTER ALSO.

- **STORAGE UNIT**

KEITH REPORTS PROGRESS AND WE WILL EVENTUALLY GET OUT THERE

- **EDUC. SUB-COMMITTEE:**

L GALLO REPORTS OCT 29 IS THE SEMINAR HE WILL BE AT FOR LI SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS. JOHN GOT A CALL FROM JOHNNY MANDALIN TO BE ON HIS ITALIAN RADIO STATION.

- **HOLOCAUST PROGRAM:**

V MARMORALE WILL BE AT A LI SYNAGOGUE FOR A PRESENTATION AS WELL AS ROMA INTANGIBLE LODGE FOR THE SAME PRESENTATIONS.

- **DIST. CHAIRS:**

1 G GRAHAM GAVE OUT BELLA LINGUA AT AUGUST 5 SELLARO MEETING. ALL WENT WELL. TURNOUT WAS GREAT. IN PERSON MEETING COMING SOON.

2 K WILSON REPORTS THAT A MEETING WAS HELD IN JULY AT A PIZZERIA AND ALL WENT WELL L GALLO WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AND WAS WELL RECEIVED BY ALL. GOOD TURNOUT AND NEW BREAKFAST PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED FOR A FUNDRAISER. DONATION REQUEST WILL GO OUT SOON FOR THE ANNUAL \$50.00 DEFRAING COSTS.

4 J ALFONSO: REPORTS THAT SHE WILL GET SOME LIASONS TOGETHER WHEN POSSIBLE AND GET THE WORDS OUT ASAP. SHE SENDS EMAILS AND GET THE WORD OUT.

7: C FEDERICO REPORTS THAT THERE WILL BE A FESTA ITALIAN IN DOWNTOWN SYRACUSE IN SEPTEMBER. THEY WILL HAVE A TABLE AS NEEDED FOR LITERATURE. SUNDAY JOSEPHINE HAS

A 5 MINUTE SEGEMENT ON A RADIO PROGRAM AND DIST 7 PRESIDENTS HAD A MEETING LAST WEEK FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. OCT 11 IS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE WEEKEND. PROGRESSO LODGE MAY HAVE THE OCT DINNER DANCE AGAIN ON OCT. 16, 2021.

- **ROCHESTER NY:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT S ORSI IS STILL WORKING ON LITTLE ITALY ROCHESTER COMMUNITY. OSDIA UP THERE IS NOT SUPPORTING THIS DESIGNATION BUT HE IS PROCEEDING AND SILVANO ORSI FEELS THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED. THE V LOMBARDI LODGE IS STAYING AWAY FROM THIS ISSUE FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

JOHN REPORTS ON FLYER THAT HE HAS A PICTURE OF ITALIAN AMERICANS FOR A CONVENTION SALES ITEM AND USE FOR PROMOTION PURPOSES. HE WILL SEND SAMPLE TO ALL TO REVIEW.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

ED B REPORTS THAT COLUMBUS LODGE IS GOOD SUPPORTER OF CSJ AND TELLS OF FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN WHO IS A MEMBER AND FEELS WE SHOULD BE MORE AGGRESSIVE AND GO AFTER THOSE THAT HURT US. WE CAN INVITE HIM TO OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING. HIS NAME IS MIKE LIPETRI. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THIS MATTER.

KEITH WILSON MOVES TO BUY A BRICK IN MEMORY OF VINCENT ROMANO FORMER CSJ CHAIRMAN FOR \$200.00 AT THE MUSEUM. PASSED

KEITH REMINDED ALL THAT DEC 14 IS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CIMINELLIS 7-10:30 PM \$40.00 PER PERSON.

LOU GALLO ASKED ABOUT A LAWSUIT FROM A AIDALA AND SYRACUSE LAWASUIT CARMINE REPORTS NOTHING HAS BEEN FILED YET.

L GALLO MENTIONS HOLYOKE MASS ISSUE TO THE BOARD AND M PRINCE SUGGEST THAT WE SENT L GALLO COLUMBUS DAY PRESENTATION BEING RECORDED AND PUT OUT TO THE STATE FOR USE BY ALL.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:49 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY

**KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY.**