

**NYS GRAND LODGE
OSDIA
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
EXEC. BOARD MEETING
MAY 10 2022
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE**

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

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **JOHN FRATTA**
- **ELEANOR JOBBAGY**
- **KEITH WILSON**
- **MARIANNE PRINCE**
- **MARYANN RISPOLI**
- **ANTHONY ROTOLI**
- **VINCE MARMORALE**
- **GERI GRAHAM**
- **BOB GRAHAM**
- **JOANNE GROVE**
- **CARMINE FEDERICO**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

- **COMMUNICATIONS:**

J PARAZZELLI E MAIL TO BE EXCUSED

E BOCHYNSKI TO BE EXCUSED

DIRECTORY TO BE SENT OUT

- **TREASURY:**

- **G GRAHAM**

GAVE UPDATE AND NOTED THE CHECKING AND FS REPORT ARE IN BALANCE

GAVE DEPOSITS AND CHECKS WRITTEN.

3,597.10 COLUMBUS ACCT.

18,447.41 TOTAL ON HAND CURRENTLY

WE PAID OUT FOR THE LOU GALLO SCHOLARSHIP \$4,255.00 FROM OUR TREASURY. JOHN
EXPLAINED THE SCHOLARSHIP BREAKDOWN AND HOW IT WORKS IN PERPITUITY.

WE WILL NOT TAKE MONEY OUT OF WELLS FARGO TO COVER THE BALANCE WE HAD
TO SUPPLEMENT. OPERATING ACCOUNT WILL COVER. NATIONAL WANTS \$1200.00 TO
COVER THE NEW ORLEANS PLAQUE TO BE ERECTED FOR THE LYNCHING PROJECT AS
NEEDED. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO SPEND \$1200.00 ON THE FINAL BALANCE OF THE
PLAQUE SECONDED BY VINCE MARMORALE AND PASSED.

- **F.S. REPORT J. GROVE:**

ALL BANK STATEMENTS ARE CONFIRMED AND ALL FUNDING WAS DISCUSSED. BUDGET
TO BE DONE NEXT ALL ELSE IS GOOD.

TONY ROTOLI MOVES TO ACCEPT SECONDED BY MARYANN RISPOLI AND PASSED.

- **RUSSO'S ON THE BAY UPDATE:**

RAYMOND AVERNA HAS SENT LETTER TO GET OUR RUSSO'S DEPOSIT BACK AND IT WENT OUT TODAY. WE ARE DEMANDING OUR MONEY BACK.

- **SYRACUSE UPDATE:**

C FEDERICO REPORTS ALL QUIET AND ATTORNEYS ARE STILL LOOKING TO MAYOR FOR NEXT MOVE. JOHN REPORTS THAT SYRACUSE IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN AND THE GREAT JOB THEY DID. CARMINE WILL KEEP US UPDATED.

- **MINNESOTA COLUMBUS DAY PROPOSAL:**

HF2856 TO REPLACE WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND INTRODUCE BY HEATHER KEELER A REP FROM THE STATE. SHE KNOCKED COLUMBUS IN HER PROPOSAL. LETTER SENT TO HER ASKING HER TO GET HER FACTS STRAIGHT AND KNOW WHAT SHE IS SPEAKING OF. THE HERO BOOK CAN BE USED TO REFUTE ALL THESE ARGUMENTS ON ZINN AND CHALLENGING COLUMBUS. WE WILL GIVE THE HERO BOOK TO THE FOLLOWING:

ALL LODGE PRESIDENTS

- **EXEC COMMITTEE AND DIST CHAIRS**
- **BELLA LINGUA AND DABBENE WINNERS**

ALL OTHERS AS NEEDED.

- **PHILADELPHIA**

JOHN REPORTS NOTHING NEW TO DATE.

- **WEST VIRGINIA:**

CITY COUNCIL IN MORGANTOWN WEST VIRGINIA VOTED TO NOT TAKE COLUMBUS DAY AWAY.

- **MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DIST IN TEXAS:**

THEY HAVE ADDED COLUMBUS DAY TO THE CALENDAR. ANOTHER VICTORY AND LETTERS SENT TO THANK THEM.

- **CLAUDIO MANDIA DEATH:**

THIS A WAS SUICIDE IN THORNWOOD SCHOOL AFTER BEING IN SOLITARY ISOLATION FOR 4 DAYS AND NO FOOD, HE KILLED HIMSELF BY HANGING. WE SENT LETTER TO WESTCHESTER DA AND ASKED FOR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER WITH OTHER CHARGES.

NO RESPONSE AS YET. WE HOPE TO HEAR SOON.

- **ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL:**

GINA PASSERO REPORTS THEY DID AWAY WITH ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM. ENROLLMENTS ARE NOT AS LOW AS REPORTED AND LETTER WAS SENT TO SUPERINTENDENT ON THIS MATTER.

- **DABBENE CONTEST:**

G GRAHAM REPORTS 3 ADMISSIONS DIST 1, 3 AND 7 HAVE SUBMITTED SO FAR.

JUNE 1 IS THE DEADLINE. 2,4,5,6 AND 8 NOTHING AS YET.

JOHN WILL ASK FOR A BETTER RESPONSE FROM TRUSTEES TO ASSIST IN PUSHING.

GERI FEELS MAYBE THE CHANGES WE MADE BEFOREHAND HAD A BETTER STRUCTURE AND LESS SUBJECTIVE ALSO. WE NEED TO LOOK AT TIME FRAME TO MAYBE GOING TO OCTOBER RATHER THEN SPRING. SOME DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THE PROGRAM AS NEEDED. WE CAN ADJUST AS NEEDED. NEW CONTEST WILL BEGIN IN THE FALL IN OCTOBER AS DISCUSSED.

- **WEBSITE UPDATE:**

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS NOTHING NEW FOR WEBSITE ALL UPDATED. JOHN WOULD LIKE TO PUT A QR CODE ON WEBSITE AS NEEDED. LINE ITEM COULD BE USED AS WELL.

- **FACEBOOK**

BOB GRAHAM WILL LOOK INTO FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS WITH JOHN. WE MAY LOOK INTO PAY PAL/VEN MO AS WELL FOR USAGE. BOB WILL LOOK INTO BOTH OF THESE MATTERS AND REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

- **STORAGE UNIT:**

KEITH UPDATED THE BOARD ON INVENTORY AND WHAT WE NEED AS WELL AS THE UNIT IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

- **BELLA LINGUA:**

MARYANN UPDATES THE BOARD ON PROGRAM AND ITEMS DISPERSED. JUNE 11 IS THE AWARDS PROGRAM JUNE 11 IS THE AWARDS MORNING FOR THE PROGRAM. LETTERS ARE OUT AS WELL FOR INVITES. IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND JUST LET US KNOW. MARYANN GAVE ITINERARY FOR DIST. 2 BREAKFAST. MOST DISTRICTS PARTICIPATED.

- **HOLOCAUST AND ED SUB COMMITTEE:**

VINCE MARMORALE REPORTS THAT MONDAY HE PRESENTED TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROCKVILLE CENTRE. KIDS AND TEACHERS DID A GREAT JOB. NO NEWS ON ED. SUB COMMITTEE AT THIS POINT. JOHN WILL ASK ROBERT FOR UPDATE AND ANY ACTION ITEMS WITH ED SUB COMMITTEE AS NEEDED.

- **FOUNDERS DAY RESTAURANT:**

JOHN REPORTS THAT DENICOS RESTAURANT WAS LOOKED INTO AND WOULD BE TOO SMALL FOR OUR NEEDS. WE WILL STAY AT IL CORTILLE AS USUAL. JUNE 18 IS THE DAY FOR FOUNDERS DAY AS ALWAYS 11:00 AM START WITH MASS AS ALWAYS. THE MASS WILL BE AT PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH.

- **DIST. CHAIRS REPORTS:**

- **DIST 1:**

G GRAHAM WILL HAVE IN PERSON MEETING IN JUNE FOR LIASONS. SELLARO LODGE USED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR MISSING IN ACTION AND POWS AS WELL. THE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN DECEASED WERE HONORED WITH TOAST AS WELL.

- **DIST 2:**

K WILSON REPORTED AS FOLLOWS ON DIST 2 MEETING AND LIASONS WHAT ATTENDED AND DISCUSSED. ALL GOING WELL AND KEITH MENTIONED LOU GALLO MASS AND EMOTIONS HE FELT ABOUT THIS ISSUE UP TO THE MASS.

- **DIST 7:**

CARMINE FEDERICO REPORTS ON ISSUES ON SYRACUSE AS NEEDED. ENDICOTT IS THE ONLY AREA WITH ITALIAN REPS IN DIST 7. BELLA LINGUA AWARD WINNER IS FROM UNION ENDICOTT BY THE DUKES LODGE AND THIS MAY BE DONE IN JUNE.

- **CSJ LUNCHEON:**

NO UPDATES ON THIS EVENT AT THIS TIME. LITTLE ITALY BEING LOOKED AT FOR A FUNCTION RIGHT NOW. MAYBE AN EVENT DOWN THERE IN THE FUTURE. DISCUSSION ENSUED. WE WILL LOOK INTO BREAKFAST FOR FEBRUARY AT THE KNIGHTS IN LYNBROOK.

- **ITALIAN LANGUAGE:**

V. MARMORALE REPORTS AFTER THE WAR THE ATTACK ON OUR LANGUAGE STARTED AND NOT COLLEGE OR SCHOOL ELIMINATED. KEITH MENTIONS THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS LOOKING INTO THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

- **DESCENDANT OF THE ORDER/N.Y. TIMES:**

M PRINCE MENTIONS SELLARO DESCENDANTS VISCARDI SUPREME CURATOR AND MERLOT WAS SUPREME REVISOR MARIANNE MENTIONS MARK LEVIN GOING AFTER THE NY TIMES IN CONSPIRING HOLDING BACK INFO ON THE HOLOCAUST AND STALIN RELATIONS THAT THE PAPER HAD WITH STALIN AS THEY HELD BACK INFORMATION.

- **LOU GALLO MEMORIAL:**

M PRNCE MENTIONS LOU BEING INVOLVED IN THE LOU GALLO SCHOLARSHIPS AND WALK A THON NAMED BOCCE TOURNAMENT IN LOU'S MEMORY. HE WAS INVOLVED IN GIFT OF SIGHT AND WITH HELEN KELLER DAY. HIS FAMILY WILL BE AT THE GOS LUNCHEON IN SEPTEMBER. MARIANNE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT PORTRAIT TO LINDA GALLO. ELEANOR FEELS IT SHOULD COME FROM CSJ NOT GIFT OF SIGHT. TONY ROTOLI FEELS THAT THE FAMILY MAY NOT BE AT OTHER FUNCTIONS. KEITH WILSON MOVES TO PRESENT SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED WITH ONE AGAINST. WE MOVED TO ADD \$25.00 FOR EXPENSES AND GET COSTUME MADE AS WELL.

- **STATEN ISLAND N.Y. POST ARTICLE:**

TONY ROTOLI MENTIONS THAT BRITTANY BARRES WHICH IS CONGRESSIONAL DIST 11. SHE IS AGAINST COLUMBUS DAY STATUE IN COLUMBUS CIRCLE. OTHERS FEEL IT IS TIME TO CANCEL COLUMBUS ALSO. THE PERSON IN QUESTION DOES NOT EVEN KNOW THAT THE STAUTE WAS LANDMARKED AND CANNOT BE TOUCHED AT ALL.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME TO THE COMMITTEE THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:20 PM BY THE CHAIRMAN. NEXT MEETING JUNE 14, 2022.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

**KEITH WILSON
REC SECT.**

ATTACHMENTS