

**NYS CSJ
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH 2022
VIA ZOOM CALL CONFERENCE**

THE MEETING WAS OPENED AT 7:35 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.
THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON IN MEMORY OF LOU GALLO.
AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE WAS SAID.
THE BOARD ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **M PRINCE**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **J GROVE**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **R GRAHAM**
- **R FERRITO**
- **J PARAZZELLI**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**
- **J ALFONSO**

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE PASSING OF PAST CHAIRMAN LOU GALLO AND HOW TO MEMORIALIZE HIM FOR HIS RECENT PASSING. SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED A CARICATURE PAINTING WITH LOU AND COLUMBUS BEING GREETED BY THE LORD IN HEAVEN. A SCHOLARSHIP WAS MENTIONED AS WELL. WE CAN DO A SPECIAL STW BOARD FOR THIS PURPOSE AT \$100.00 PER BOX.

KEITH WILSON MOVES TO PURCHASE A \$750.00 BRICK IN LOU GALLO'S MEMORY AT THE GMM SECONDED BY ELEANOR AND PASSED. DISCUSSION ENSUED AS TO THE MAKEUP OF THE BOARD AND SOME REPLACEMENTS.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.
NEW CSJ DIRECTORY WILL GO OUT THIS WEEK.

COMMUNICATIONS:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNOR WAS SENT LETTERS ON THE IPD ISSUE AND HER PROCLAMATIONS AND WE WILL REQUEST A LETTER FROM GOV HOCHUL AND VARIOUS POSITIONS. THE LETTERS ARE ALSO SENT TO JOE SCELSA WHO SENDS TO THE NY POST FOR PRINTING IN THE PAPER. ROBERT MENTIONS THE MEETING WITH LEE ZELDIN AND HE COMMITTED IF ELECTED HE WILL PUT OSDIA ON THE ITALIAN CULTURAL COMMITTEE IN NYS STATE CAUCUS. WE WILL ASK FOR A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR BEFORE THE ELECTION SEASON.

CALANDRA INSITITUTE:

JOHN MENTIONS THAT HE WILL LOOK TO GO AFTER TAMBURRI FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO THE CAUSE AND HE THREATENED TO SUE US. HE IS ATTACKING COLUMBUS EACH TIME HE CAN. HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO DO A SHOW ON COLUMBUS WHICH IS FOOLHARDY AT THIS TIME. WE NEED SOLID BACKUP INFO TO GET HIM OUT OF THE CALANDRA INSTITUTE. WE NEED SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS ON OUR SIDE AND THAT WOULD BE HARD TO DO.

TREASURY REPORT:

GERI GRAHAM REPORTS THE FOLLOWING BALANCES IN THE ACCOUNTS:

\$NO O/S CHECKS AND ONE DEPOSIT WAS MADE FOR WELLS FOR \$500.00

BRICK FOR VINCENT ROMANO PAID

ENDING BAL 18,084.99

SAVINGS ACCT: .06\$

BAL 3,596.87

CONSOLIDATED 7,035.40

DIST FUNDS

1\$ 914.73

2\$ 2,288.32

3\$ 826.55

TOTAL ALL \$25,120.39

THE RENT AT THE NYS GRAND LODGE OFFICE WAS DISCUSSED AND WHY WE NEED TO PAY THIS EVERY YEAR.

FS REPORT:

JOANNE GROVE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

JOANNE CONFIRMS ALL OF GERI'S NUMBERS AND ALL IS UP TO DATE RENT IS CUURENT AND WE ARE AT A NET LOSS OF OVER \$37,000.00 BUDGET TO BUDGET. WE SPEND MORE ON RENT THEN OUR MISSION EXPENSE AS NEEDED. LIABILITY INSURANCE WILL BE DUE SOON FOR OUR PROTECTION AND D/O INSURANCE AS WELL.

KEITH MOVES TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AND SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED.

NATIONAL REPORT:

ROBERT FERRITO ANNOUNCES THAT THE CSJ RESOURCE PAGE WAS LAUNCHED AND LOOKS GOOD. NATIONAL EDUCATION TEAM INCLUDES JOHN AND OTHERS. MEETING HELD WITH AMBASSADOR FROM ITALY AND SHE GAVE US HER TOTAL SUPPORT. NATIONAL PLENARY IN FEBRUARY AND COLORADO ISSUE IN PUEBLO IS COMING ON AGAIN. SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE STILL INVOLVED WITH THIS IPD AS WELL. ED B ASKS IF WE CAN GET THE CSJ MESSAGE OUT VIA MORE SOCIAL MEDIA THAT IS BEING USED. WE ARE GOING TO DO MORE POSITIVE IMAGE AND OTHER MATTERS.

JOHN REPORTS THAT HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN HAVING A HARD TIME WITH COVID AND HOPES WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS ASAP. DIFFICULT HANDLING ISSUES AS WELL WITH THIS PROBLEM.

SYRACUSE:

CARMINE FEDERICO RPEORTS A COURT DATE WILL BE HELD JANAURY 13 ON THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED AND THE COLUMBUS MONUMENT CORPORATION WILL BE THERE. DEMONSTRATION MAY BE HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE BY THE OTHER SIDE. WE WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS THEN.

A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER IN SYRACUSE FOUND ON THE BUS THAT ASKS STUDENTS IF COLUMBUS IS A HERO OR VILLAIN. THE PAPER ASKS FOR SUCCESSES AND FAILURES ABOUT COLUMBUS AS ASKED FOR AND DISPARAGES HIS REPUTATION. WEST HILLS HS IS WHERE THIS WAS GIVEN OUT FOR THE USE OF THESES STUDENTS. A 501 C 4 COULD USE POLITICAL ACTION FOR THE NEEDED FIGHTS WE ARE INVOLVED WITH. NY STATE SCHOOL BOARDS INVOLVED WITH THIS ACADEMICS DECISION ALSO. A LAWYER IN SYRACUSE IN ONONDAGA NATIONS REP WROTE AN ARTICLE AGAINST ITALIAN AMERICANS. THE ATTORNEY'S NAME IS JOSEPH HEATH. PRIMO MAGAZNIE FROM WASHINGTON HIGHLIGHTED THE SYRACUSE SITUATION AND HAS BEEN GOOD TO THE CASUE FOR THE MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

RAFFLE:

WILL BE HELD FOR LOU GALLO SCHOLARSHIP TO BE FUNDED ALSO. FLYER WILL BE MADE UP AND USED FOR PROMOTION PURPOSES.

WEBMASTER:

BOB GRAHAM NO UPDATE AND THE LOU GALLO WEBSITES WILL HAVE TO BE MONITORED FOR ACCURATE INFO WITH LOU GONE. KEITH AND BOB GRAHAM MENTIONED THE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AND DAMAGES CAN BE SOUGHT AS NEEDED. THIS ISSUE IS AT THE GRAND LODGE NOW AND BEING HANDLED BY OUR ATTORNEY TO BE EJUDICATED. WE ALL NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHEN USING PICTURES THAT DO NOT BELONG TO US.

HOFSTRA:

NO NEWS ON THE DAY YET AS PER ELEANOR. THIS DAY MAY BE REVAMPED IN THE FUTURE.

DIST CHAIRS:

1 GERI GRAHAM HAD LAST MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

2 KEITH WILSON DEFERRED TO MARY ANN RISPOLI ON THE BELLA LINGUA REPORTED ON AND NYS PACKETS ARE OUT AS NEEDED. SAMPLE LETTERS ARE OUT AND COLUMBUS BROCHURE WILL BE USED IN EACH MAILING. EACH DISTRICT HAS A REP FOR BELLA LINGUA. WE NEED A LIASON FOR DIST 5 TO TAKE UP THE PROGRAM.

4 JOANNE ALFONSO REPORTS THAT SHE HAS BEEN QUIET AND ALL IS STATUS QUO.

5 THEY WILL TRY TO GET CONTACT INFO FOR ALL INTERESTED

7 C FEDERICO REPORTS LAST MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND FEB 5 IS THE NEXT MEETING.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

G GRAHAM WAITING FOR BELLA LINGUA TO BE FINISHED AND THEN WILL PROCEED.

HOLOCAUST:

V MARMORALE PRESENTED IN FAMRINGDALE AND WILL PRESENT IN ALBANY IN MARCH.

ALBANY TEACHERS CONFERENCE WAS BEING HANDLED BY LOU AS WELL.

NEXT MEETING FEB 8 2022

MEETING CLOSED IN MEMORY OF LOU GALLO RIP

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

KEITH WILSON

REC. SECTY.