

**NYS CSJ EXEC BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11 2022
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

THE EXEC. BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:50 PM BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.

THE OPENING PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD. THE PLEDGE WAS RECITED.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **E BOCHYNSKI (LATE)**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **J GROVE**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **J ALFONSO**
- **R GRAHAM**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **L SERAFINI**
- **ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECTED.

- **CORRESPONDENCE AT THIS TIME.**

TWO LETTERS SENT BY CHAIRMAN FRATTA TO BLANK SLATE MEDIA AND NYC BOARD OF ED.

- **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

TREASURER G. GRAHAM REVIEWED THE ATTACHED REPORT.

HIGHLIGHTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

TWO DONATIONS FROM DIST 2 LODGES

SUPERIOR PRINTING NEEDS TO CASH THE CHECK WE PAID FOR BOOKMARKS.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY KEITH W SECONDED BY JOANNE G AND PASSED.

- **F/S REPORT:**

J. GROVE REPORTS ALL IN ORDER WITH THE BANK.

\$3,000.00 USABLE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT FOR USE.

CONVENTION MONEY NOT IN YET TO OUR BALANCE. RENT STILL BEING PAID TO GL

OFFICE. ALL ELSE IS IN LINE AND WE NEED TO GET MONEY IN TO CHECKING

ACCOUNTS. JOHN WILL CHECK WITH GINA AND MICHELE FOR CONVENTION MONEY.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY JOANNE A AND SECONDED BY TONY R AND PASSED.

COLUMBUS DAY ATTACKS:

JOHN REPORTS THAT THE ATTACKS ARE GETTING WORSE WITH THIS TIME OF YEAR AND HE HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO THOSE OPPOSING US ON THIS ISSUE. WE NEED TO KEEP REVIEWING BLANK SLATE NEWSPAPERS AND THEIR EDITORIALS. NYC BOARD OF ED RENAMED TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY/ITALIAN AMERICAN DAY.

JESSICA RAMOS HAS AGAIN INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE COLUMBUS DAY IN NEW YORK STATE. **JOHN FEELS THAT WE NEED TO SET UP A NATIONAL PAC FOR THIS BATTLE ON COLUMBUS LEGISLATION. THE PAC WILL BE SEPARATE FROM**

OSDIA AND WILL BE AGAINST CANDIDATES THAT OPPOSE US AND CSJ. JOHN AND ROBERT FERRITO WILL BE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. JIM LISA SPOKE TO JOHN ABOUT THE PAC AND THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS AND THE FACT THAT HIS group DOES NOT GIVE THEM MONEY AS WELL.

ELEANOR SUGGESTS THAT WE SPEAK TO ASSEMBLYMAN ED RA ON THIS AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE. LISA WILL SPEAK WITH ANGELO SANTABARBARA HER ASSEMBLYMAN ON THIS ISSUE. WE CAN ALSO SPEAK WITH JIM TEDISCO ON THIS.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CAUCUS WILL MEET IN JUNE AND MAYBE WE CAN GET TO THEM THEN. PRESIDENT BIDEN DID TWO PROCLAMATIONS ONE FOR COLUMBUS DAY AND ONE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. WE WILL SEND LETTER OF PROTEST ON THIS TO PRES. BIDEN. K/C CHIEFS ARE ALSO BEING ASKED TO LOOK AT CHANGING THEIR NAME.

WEBSITE:

R GRAHAM HAS NOTHING NEW BUT QR CODES INFO WILL BE PASSED ALONG. THIS CAN ALSO BE BUDGETED FOR NEXT YEAR. PAY PAL NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AS WELL AND THEIR FEES.

HERO BOOK:

ELEANOR WILL GIVE JOHN THE FINAL 10 BOOKS FOR HIS USE.

STORAGE UNIT:

G GRAHAM GAVE UPDATE ON BREAK IN AND NEW PADLOCK ON THEIR. NOTHING WAS MISSING FROM THE UNIT. THERE ARE NO CAMERAS ON THIS UNIT. WE HAVE A NEW LOCK ON THE FACILITY. THERE ARE SOME OLD VCR TAPES IN THE UNIT AS WELL. WE WILL LOOK INTO TRANSPOSING TO DVD RECORDINGS WITH BOB GRAHAM.

SAT. NITE LIVE:

A SKIT WAS RUN AGAINST THE ITALIAN MINISTER THAT THEY SAID ON THE SHOW THAT THEY THOUGHT ALL ITALIANS ARE BLACK. WE WILL NOT RESPOND.

NEW ORLEANS PLAQUE:

THIS IS BEING COMPLETED AND WHEN WE KNOW THAT DATE OF DEDICATION WE WILL PASS ALONG.

CLAUDIO MANDIA STUDENT SUICIDE:

JOHN REPORTS NO UPDATE FROM THE NY ATTORNEY GENERAL AS OF NOW OR THE WESTCHESTER DA OFFICE.

DISCRIMINATION CHALLENGE INFORMATION:

GERI GRAHAM HAS SPOKEN WITH A MAN WHO FEELS HIS BUSINESS IS RUINED WITH A PODCAST THAT HE HELD AND WAS BIASED AGAINST THIS PROJECT. HIS LAST NAME IS SCUDERO. THE INFO WILL BE SENT TO JOHN FRATTA HOME.

CABRINI DAY:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT A NEW MEMBER OF HER LODGE HEARD THAT MOTHER CABRINI REPLACED COLUMBUS DAY IN COLORADO.

CSJ LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR REPORTS WE ARE GETTING READY TO GO AND VERDIS IS BOOKED AND THE DATE WILL BE JANUARY 29 2023 FOR THE AFFAIR. 11-3 PM \$52.00 PER PERSON IS OUR COST \$75.00 IS RECOMMENDED PRICE. 150 WOULD BE A GREAT CROWD. ALL INCIDENTALS ARE INCLUDED. STW BOARD WOULD BE HELD. WE CAN DO CENTERPIECE SPONSORS. WE CAN ALSO DISCOUNT TO \$700.00 FOR A FULL TABLE. WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. MAILING WILL GO OUT TIMELY FOR THE AFFAIR AS WELL. ELEANOR SUGGETS INVITING CAROL D TO THE AFFAIR FOR ALL SHE DOES FOR CSJ.

HOLOCAUST:

V MARMORALE REPORTS THAT JOHN WILL BE GREETED SUNDAY AT CHRIST THE KING VERY POSITIVE. ZINN PROJECT IS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS GROUP AS CURRICULUM. SELLARO LODGE HAD VINCE COME IN ON MOVIE MY ITALIAN SECRET. BOARD OF REGENTS DOES NOT GET INVOLVED IN THIS BUT THEY DO OVERSEE CURRICULUM AND WHAT IS TAUGHT. NEA IS RECOMMENDING THE 1619 PROJECT FOR TEACHING PURPOSES.

MARY GRABAR HAS A NEW BOOK OUT CALLED DEBUNKING THE 1619 PROJECT.

MANY UNREASONABLE PEOPLE INVOLVED. VINCE WILL RECEIVE THE AMBASSATORE AWARD FROM ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM ON NOV. 13 SUNDAY AT CREST HOLLOW C/C. ATTENDEES SIGNED UP. \$135.00 PER PERSON. TABLE WILL BE HALF PAID BY CSJ AND HALF FROM ATTENDEES. KEITH MOVED TO APPROVE SECONDED BY JOANNE AND PASSED.

DIST CHAIRS:

DIST 1:

HELD MARMORALE MOVIE ON MY ITALIAN SECRET AND ALL WERE IMPRESSED AT THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY WITH THE PRESENTATION.

DIST 2:

KEITH ASKED MARYANN RISPOLI TO REPORT ON BELLA LINGUA STARTING UP AGAIN. SHE REVIEWED THE LIASONS AND THOSE INVOLVED. KEITH MENTIONS IF WE COULD GET THE NEW GRABAR BOOK ON THE 1619 PROJECT AND ON THE CRT BATTLE IN OUR SCHOOLS.

DIST 3:

NEEDS TO BE ORGANIZED BETTER WITH LIASONS.

DIST 4:

J ALFONSO REPORTS THAT 3 PRESIDENTS WERE AT THE LAST MEETING AND THE NEXT ONE WILL BE NEXT WEEK AND ROBERT AND MICHELE WILL BE ATTENDING AS WELL.

DIST 6:

L SERAFINI REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

TRYING TO START DIST MEETINGS FOR CSJ INFO THE BE SHARED. COLUMBUS STATUE IN SYRACUSE HAD A WREATH LAYING PROGRAM ALSO. DISCUSSION ENUSED ON COLUMBUS ISSUES AT THIS TIME.

ED WILL CONTACT ROSLYN PAPER ON NASTY COLUMBUS ARTICLE IN LOCAL PAPERS. ELEANOR WILL LOOK AT THE PAPER AND LET ALL KNOW THE ADVERTISERS THAT ARE IN THE PAPER.

M PRINCE ASKS ABOUT BLANK SLATE AND HER CONTACT WITH THE MEDIA. JOHN WANTED THEM TO KNOW ABOUT HIS DISSAPOINTMNET ON THE ARTICLE WRITTEN. ZINN WEBSITE IS THE SOURCE OF ALL THE BAD INFORMATION AND COLUMBUS REVISIONISM BASED ON INUENDOS. LAURA INGRAHAM SPOKE ON COLUMBUS ATTACKS ON HER MONDAY EVENING SHOW. IT WAS A GREAT JOB BY HER ALSO.

MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY WITH BELLA ITALIA.

CHRISTMAS GATEHRING WILL BE SET UP BY KEITH WILSON.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY NOV 7 2022. IN LIEU OF ELECTION DAY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

KEITH WILSON

SECTY.