

**NYS CSJ EXEC MEETING  
BOARD MEETING  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
FEB. 8 2022**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA.  
THE ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- **J FRATTA**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **R FERRITO**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **A CANESTRO**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **J GROVE**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED

JOHN WILL CHECK WITH THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ON CALLS TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO STAY ON THE COMMITTEE.

- **TREASURY:**

G GRAHAM REVIEWED THE ATTACHED REPORT AND NET FINAL BALANCE WAS \$24,806.93.  
PASSED

THE OPENING PRAYER, PLEDGE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED: PASSED.

- **FS REPORT:**

J GROVE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: ALL BALANCES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. REPORT NEEDS TO BE REVISED WITH ONE TRANSACTION.

YTD -4057.42\$ PASSED

NEW BUDGET NEEDED FOR NEW YEAR.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- **PHILADELPHIA:**

THE CITY LOST LAWSUIT AND HEADED TO COURT OF APPEALS TO KEEP COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY AS IS.

- **COLUMBUS DAY STATUES:**

- **SYRACUSE:**

THE CITY IS WAITING FOR COURT DECISION AND MAYBE POSITIVE.

- **NY CITY MAYORS' OFFICE:**

MAYOR ADAMS IS SUPPORTIVE WITH COLUMBUS DAY AND STATUES. TRYING TO MEET WITH HIM ON THE HOLIDAY STAYING ON SCHOOL CALENDAR.

- **LOU GALLO MEMORIAL RAFFLE:**

TONY ROTOLI UPDATES THE BOARD ON \$4,600.00 DEPOSITS AND MORE TO COME. WE HAVE UNTIL FEB. 27<sup>TH</sup> 2022 TO FINISH THIS PROJECT. MORE COMING IN AS WELL AND WE NEED MORE TO COME IN FOR THE GOOD OF THE PROJECT. GIANNINI LODGE WILL BE DONATING AS WELL. FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE GALLO FAMILY WANT TO DONATE. TONY READS TY CARD FROM LINDA GALLO ON THE DEDICATION TO LOU IN HIS MEMORY. DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE FORMAT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND THE SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CSJ. JOHN WILL ASK MARK TO PLACE AN ADD IN THE GL PAPER FOR SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS.

- **ITALIAN HERITAGE COALITION UPDATE:**

MEETING HELD WITH GOVERNOR AND ANGELO VIVOLO. GOV APPOINTED ITALIAN AMERICAN LIASION NAMED TOM SCARANGELLO AND HE CONTACTED JOHN ON ISSUES. JOHN UPDATED HIM ON THE PROBLEMS FACING THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. INDIGENOUS DAY AND COLUMBUS DAY DISCUSSED AS WELL TO SPEAK TO THE GOVERNOR ABOUT.

- **NATIONAL CSJ REPORT:**

ROBERT FERRITO UPDATED THE BOARD ON NATIONAL ISSUES. NATIONAL PLENARY COMING UP THIS WEEKEND FOR ALL TO BE AWARE. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE MAY GET THEIR OWN DAY ASAP. THEY MAY STILL SUPPORT COLUMBUS DAY AS WELL IF THEY GET THEIR OWN DAY. PRESS CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD. OHIO STATE LOOKING TO DO AWAY WITH COLUMBUS DAY AND CALL IT ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY. OHIO SENATE WILL BE TAKING THIS UP IN SESSON SOON.

- **WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM WILL UPLOAD MINUTES FOR THE LAST TWO MEETINGS AND DIRECTORY AS WELL. KEITH WILL SEND TO HIM AS WELL. FACEBOOK PAGE WILL BE UPDATED AS WELL

- **HOFSTRA**

ELEANOR REPORTS NO FESTIVALS TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THEM.

- **RUSSO'S REFUND:**

JOHN FRATTA REPORTS THAT THEY ARE REFUSING TO RETURN OUR \$500.00 DEPOSIT FOR THE AFFAIR THAT WAS NOT HELD. RAY AVERNA MAY HAVE TO GET INVOLVED AS OUR LEGAL COUNSEL. JOHN WILL SPEAK TO RAY ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **BELLA LINGUA:**

MARYANN RISPOLI HAS HEARD FROM SOME DIST CHAIRS ALREADY AND SOME ARE MOVING FORWARD. SCHOOLS ARE SENT LETTERS DIRECTLY AND TO CHAIRPERSONS AS WELL. DABBENE CONTEST IS ESSAY ONLY AND THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE.

- **EDUC SUB COMMITTEE:**

- **PROGRESS**

- **NY STATE SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE:**

V MARMORALE WILL BE ATTENDING AND SHARING THE DOCUMENTARY ON THEIR AS WELL ABOUT HOLOCAUST.

THE COLUMBUS COSTUME MAY NEED TO BE ALTERED FOR WEARING PURPOSES AS WELL.

- **DIST CHAIR REPORTS:**

- **DIST 1**

- **G GRAHAM**

BELLA LINGUA INFO HAS BEEN SENT OUT AND DABBENE ESSAY HAS BEEN SENT AS WELL.

- **DIST 2:**

- **KEITH W**

DEFERS TO M RISPOLI AND SHE UPDATED ALL ON BELLA LINGUA AND SHE SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS IN NASSAU. KEITH MAY TRY TO HAVE IN PERSON MEETING SOON FOR DIST 2 CSJ.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

TONY ROTOLI BRINGS UP ARTICLE IN NY POST AND HOW THEY KNOCKED ALESANDRA BIAGGI RUNNING FOR CONGRESS. SHE DOES NOT SUPPORT ITALIAN HERITAGE ISSUES. JOHN UPDATED THE BOARD ON HER NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 12 NO MEETING IN MARCH

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON

REC SECTY