

**OSDIA
NYS GRAND LODGE OF NY
COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
EXEC. BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022**

VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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

****THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:**

- J FRATTA
- E JOBBAGY
- K WILSON
- G GRAHAM
- J GROVE
- V MARMORALE
- M PRINCE
- J ALFONSO
- M FOCCARAZZO
- C FEDERICO
- M RISPOLI
- T ROTOLI
- ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED OR ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.
THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE

****TREASURY REPORT:**

GERI GRAHAM GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

\$23,160.78 STARTING BALANCE
DEPOSITS GIVEN BY GERI ALSO
PAID OUT CHECKS GIVEN
DOMAIN WAS RENEWED AND STORAGE UNIT RENT WAS PAID
END BALANCE \$23,160.78
\$3,438.53 COLUMBUS ACCOUNT
HY ACCOUNT \$3,597.04
TOTAL \$30,196.35
WELLS FARGO \$ 122,421.58

GRAND TOTAL ON HAND: \$152,617.93

****FS REPORT:**

JOANNE GROVE GAVE THE FOLLOWING UPDATE:

CONFIRMED TREASURY NUMBERS

Y/E NUMBERS GIVEN AS WELL

MANY DEPOSITS CONSISTED OF LOU GALLO MEMORIAL WHICH

WILL BE \$15,000.00 FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

2022 WE HAD NET INCOME OF \$1,331.00.

KEITH WILSON MOVES TO INCREASE THE FUND FOR LOU GALLO'S SCHOLARSHIP BY DIFFERENCE NEEDED.

SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI. KEITH WILSON WILL CALL ROCCO CARRIERO AND LUIGI DEL BIANCO FOR

DONATIONS TOWARD THIS PROGRAM AS WELL. MOTION PASSED. SUPPLEMENTAL WILL BE NEEDED NO

MATTER WHAT.

JOANNE WILL MAKE UP THE NEW YEAR BUDGET.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH FINANCIAL REPORTS BY J ALFONSO AND KEITH W TO ACCEPT PASSED.

****CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

JOHN FRATTA GAVE THE UPDATES AS LISTED BELOW:

****NATIONAL/STATE CSJ COLUMBUS ISSUES:**

A LOT GOING ON IN COUNTRY THREE MAYORS NY CITY, SYRACUSE, PHILADELPHIA AND CHICAGO ARE ALL AGAINST THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. MANY SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY ON THE LAWSUITS WE HAVE BROUGHT TO DEFEAT US IN THIS MOVEMENT. SYRACUSE AND PHILADELPHIA ARE VERY ORGANIZED IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST BIGOTRY. JOHN FEELS WE NEED TO GET DIST 7 LODGES TO AGREE TO HAVE A BUS

TO SYRACUSE SOON AND PROTEST IN FRONT OF THE MAYORS OFFICE TO CALL OUT THE MAYORS BIGOTRY. BUS TO ALBANY RIGHT NOW IS \$3,300.00 FOR CONVENTION FROM DIST 1 AS A COMPARISON.

JOHN WILL ADVISE ON SYRACUSE VISIT AT NEXT BOARD MEETING. PHILADELPHIA MAYOR HATES AND TELLS ITALIANS THEY ARE WORTH NOTHING. NO RESPONSE ON LETTERS TO DATE ON THIS MATTER. CHICAGO MAYOR LIGHTFOOT ATTACKED THE IA COMMUNITY ON TELEVISED TV. U.S. REP SUOZZI WAS AT COLUMBUS CIT. FOUNDATION MONDAY NIGHT AND JOHN AND ROBERT SPOKE WITH HIM AND HE IS ON OUR SIDE. THE CITY OF NY HAS MADE JUNETEENTH A LEGAL HOLIDAY FOR JUNE. CONCERNS WOULD BE IF THEY ARE GOING TO SUBSTITUTE THIS FOR COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY. GOVERNOR HOCHUL LUNCHEON WAS HELD AND NO PRIVATE MEETING WITH 5 MAJOR IA GROUPS HAS BEEN HELD. SHE HAS COMMITTED TO GIVING \$1,000,000.00 FOR JOE SCELVA FOR THE IA MUSEUM.

IA STUDENT PASSED AWAY AT PRIVATE HS AFTER BEING IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AFTER BEING CAUGHT CHEATING ON A EXAM. WE WILL ASK THE PEOPLE RUNNING THE SCHOOL TO BE TERMINATED. ASIAN AND JEWISH COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN GETTING VERY ABUSED IN THE MEDIA AND BY OTHER CITIZENS AGAISNT THEM. OUR CSJ WILL FIGHT ALONG WITH THEM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. RABBI POTASNIK IS ON BOARD WITH THIS ALSO. A RALLY WILL BE HELD IN CHINA TOWN FOR THIS CAUSE AND WE WILL FIGHT FOR ALL GROUPS THAT NEED OUR ASSITANCE.

****L GALLO MEMORIAL:**

CHECK WILL BE CUT WHEN WE HAVE THE FULL TOTAL FOR GRADUATE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP.

****CANDIDATES NIGHT:**

THIS WILL BE HELD BY THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COALITION TO INTERVIEW ALL PEOPLE RUNNING FOR OFFICE ON OUR ISSUES.

****WEBSITE:**

BOB GRAHAM WILL UPDATE AS NEEDED WITH MINUTES AND HE ASKED FOR ALL TO REVIEW AND GIVE INPUT TO BOB FOR ALL DIRECTIONS AS WE DON'T WANT STUFF ON THERE IF NOT RELEVANT AND HE WILL ADD LOU GALLO'S MASS. **URL IS WEBSITE: NYSCSJ.ORG OR NEWYORKCSJ.ORG WE ARE USING BOTH OF THESE ADDRESSES AS NEEDED. TWITTER AND FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS ARE STILL AROUND BUT WE LOST CALI AT NATIONAL AND WE NEED TO FIND ACCESS TO THEM. BOB WILL ASK TWITTER AND FACEBOOK TO REMOVE THE ACCOUNTS AND START A NEW ONE. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE ON FACEBOOK AND WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THEM.**

****HOFSTRA DAY:**

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR PER HOFSTRA PERSONNEL. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO OUR OWN THING LIKE AN ITALIAN FESTIVALS LIKE AT THE COMMUNITY PARK. ELEANOR WILL LOOK INTO AT THE KNIGHTS IN LYNBROOK FOR THEIR PARKING LOT. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SOMETHNIG THERE. JOHN WILL GET SOME SINGERS ALSO. SATURDAY. OCTOBER 1 IS THE DATE WE ARE LOOKING AT TO PROMOTE OUR HERITAGE.

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

JOHN REPORTS THAT THEY ARE REFUSING TO REFUND OUR MONEY FROM DEPOSIT ON THE AFFAIR WE NEVER HELD. JOHN WILL ASK RAY AVERNA TO SEND A LETTER ON THIS AND TRY TO RETRIEVE OUR DEPOSIT. THIS IS \$500.00 IN TOTAL. DO WE WANT TO GO BACK TO A DINNER. WE WILL LOOK INTO THE KNIGHTS AS WELL FOR THIS FUNCTION IF WE HOLD AGAIN.

****BELLA LINGUA AWARDS:**

MARY ANN RISPOLI REPORTS ON DISTRICT RESPONSES TO DATE. SOME ARE PARICIPATING SOME ARE NOT. MARYANN REQUESTED TO HAVE ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP AS WELL. NASSAU COUNTY HAS 29 APPS TO DATE. SOME ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPS BEING SO CLOSE THAT THE CRITERIA ALLOWS ONLY ONE WINNER PER DISTRICT. DIST 5 AND 6 HAVE NO ENTRANTS AS YET. JOHN WILL SPEAK WITH MICHELE.EACH STUDENT GETS CERTIFICATE AND COLUMBUS BROCHURE FROM US EACH YEAR. WE NEED TO REQUEST CHECKS BY MAY 1 2022 FOR WINNERS.

****DABBENE CONTEST UPDATE:**

GERI GRAHAM HAS EXTENDED DEADLINE TO JUNE 1 FROM MAY 1 2022. WE HAVE TWO APPS SO FAR FOR JUDGING. WE WILL SEND OUT REMINDERS AGAIN FOR ALL TO APPLY.

****EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:**

VINCE MARMORALE REPORTS THAT HE ATTENDED THE NYS SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST AND ALL WENT WELL AND MANY SS TEACHERS WERE THERE. HE GAVE OUT A PACKET TO ALL FOR CURRICULUM PURPOSES. MANY ATTENDEES WERE THERE AND SOME UNDERSTOOD THE PLIGHT OF COLUMBUS AS WELL. CRT AND 1619 PROJECT BEING TAUGHT IN CERTAIN AREAS ALSO. HOLOCAUST PRESENTATIONS AND VIDEO WILL BE GIVEN THIS SUMMER. JOHN FEELS ALL LODGES IN NY STATE SHOULD HAVE THIS PRESENTATION

FOR ALL TO SEE 36 MINUTES PRESENTATION IS THE FILM USED. 100 BOOKS CALLED "THE HERO" BY RAFAEL ORTIZ ON COLUMBUS AS THE AUTHOR IS A DESCENDANT OF COLUMBUS. JOHN FEELS IT IS A GREAT GUIDE TO FIGHT THE COLUMBUS ISSUE. MANY ITEMS ARE ADDRESSED IN THIS BOOK ON RELEVANT MATTERS FOR THIS. CARL CIACCIO BOUGHT THESE FOR US AND WILL BE REIMBURSED.

DIST CHAIRS:

1 G GRAHAM WILL HAVE A ZOOM MEETING NEXT MONTH

2 K WILSON ASKS FOR MONEY UP TO \$3,000.00 FOR PRINTING OF ALL OUR MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED.

4 J ALFONSO NOT MUCH ONGOING HAVE NOT HAD A PRESIDENTS MEETING. JOANNE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL RECENTLY AND SHE IS FEELING BETTER. SHE HAS BEEN TAKING IT EASY WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING. BELLA LINGUA IS BEING PUSHED BY JOANNE ALSO.

7 C FEDERICO REPORTS THAT COLUMBUS MONUMENT JOINED THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS LAST WEEK AND AN INTERVIEW WAS HELD ON LOCAL RADIO ON THIS ISSUE. KEITH WILL SET UP A RECORD OF SYRACUSE ISSUE AND USE AS A GUIDE FOR ALL TO UTILIZE.

8 M FOCCARAZO REPRTS THAT SHE IS GETTING SYRACUSE INFO AND SHE WILL GET INVOLVED IF THERE IS A BUS TRIP TO SYRACUSE AND PARTICIPATE. MONROE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE MANY ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN THEIR AREA. SHE WOULD LIKE VINCE MARMORALE TO ATTEND IN WESTERN NY TO PRESENT ON THE HOLOCAUST. SHE WOULD LIKE ALL BANNERS FROM THE REGIONS OF ITALY FOR THEIR USE UPSTATE. SOME BANNERS CAN BE BOUGHT ONLINE AND CAN BE PRINTED IN COLOR BUT THEY WANT A BANNER SET UP.

LOU GALLO PORTRAITS:

M PRINCE WILL GET 5 MADE AND ONE IS NO CHARGE. WE WOULD PRESENT THIS TO HIS FAMILY AT THE GIFT OF SIGHT LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022. BILL CASTELLO HAS FOUR MORE PORTRAITS TO GIVE ALSO. COLUMBUS OUTFIT COSTUME AND IF WE NEED IT AS WELL.

THE COSTUME COULD BE DISPLAYED IN THE MUSEUM. MARIANNE FOUND A COMPANY THAT COULD ALSO MAKE ANOTHER COSTUME IF NEED BE. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP FROM FEB MEETING. WE WOULD NEED \$217.00 FOR A NEW COSTUME FOR SOMEONE TO USE.

SOME FEEL THAT THE CSJ SHOULD BE GIVING THE PORTRAIT AT THEIR AFFAIR FIRST NOT THE GIFT OF SIGHT. MOTION BY KEITH W TO SPEND UP TO \$225.00 ON A NEW COSTUME FOR ONE SIZE FITS ALL FOR COLUMBUS PORTRAYAL PURPOSES. SECONDED BY MARYANN RISPOLI AND PASSED. WALK A THON MAY AND LOU MEMORIAL INFANT JESUS CHURCH ON APRIL 30 2022 AT NOON TIME IN PORT JEFFERSON. MEETING CLOSED AT 9:51 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY