

**NYS CSJ EXEC. BOARD MEETING
MONDAY FEB. 6 2023
VIA ZOOM TELECALL**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA
THE PRAYER AND PLEDGE WERE SAID AND THE MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD.
THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J. FRATTA**
- **E. JOBBAGY**
- **G. GRAHAM**
- **R. GRAHAM**
- **K. WILSON**
- **M. PRINCE**
- **J. ALFONSO**
- **L SERAFINI**
- **E BOCHYNSKI JR.**
- **J. PARAZZELI**
- **R. FERRITO, PSP**
- **S. GRILLO**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING IN JANUARY WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.
PASSED.

TREASURY REPORT:

G. GRAHAM REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING ATTACHED REPORT:

DEC 31 2022 TO JAN 31 2023 COVERED. BALANCES REVIEWED AND EXPLAINED.
RENT BILL FROM GLO WAS RECEIVED AND DUEABLE TO BE PAID. COLUMBUS ACCOUNT
\$3,438.53 BALANCE. NO CHANGE IN THE BALANCE.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DUE ANY LONG TERM INVESTING AS THE MINIMAL AMOUNT
IS NOT WORTH THE EFFORT AND ROI ON THE RETURNS. GERI FOUND SOME PICTURE
FRAMES AND WILL USE THOSE FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR PROGRAM AND WILL
PURCHASE MILITARY FLAGS FOR THE UPDATED MATERIALS.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

JOHN THANKED ALL FOR THE GOOD WISHES AND HE FEELS GOOD DURING HIS
TREATMENTS. WE WON THE CASE IN BROOKLYN AND THE STATUE IS REMAINING OF
COLUMBUS. MAYOR ADAMS HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE AND GOOD TO THE ITALIAN
AMERICAN COMMUNITY. PHILADELPHIA STATUE IS REMAINING AND WE WON THAT
BATTLE AS WELL. SYRACUSE BATTLE IS ONGOING AND ANOTHER APPEAL HAS BEEN
FILED BY THE MAYOR.

COPOMAIO WILL FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF AND BE INVOLVED WITH THIS ISSUE AS WELL.
TENNESSEE STATE WANTS TO ELIMINATE COLUMBUS DAY AND MAKE SUPER BOWL
MONDAY A HOLIDAY. JOHN ALSO SPOKE TO HIS LOCAL ASSEMBLYWOMAN ABOUT
COLUMBUS DAY AND SHE SAID IT WILL BE VOTED AGAINST AND THE ASIAN
COMMUNITY WANTS LUNAR NEW YEAR AS A HOLIDAY AS WELL. GERI WONDERS HOW
MUCH THE POLITICIANS KNOW ABOUT COLUMBUS AND ROBERT SAID THEY ALL HAVE
THIS INFORMATION ALREADY. WE NEED TO LOBBY WITH THESE PEOPLE IN ALBANY TO
GET OUR NEEDS OUT THERE AND HEAR OUR CONCERNS ESPECIALLY ON COLUMBUS.
WE NEED TO FLOOD THE PLACE WITH ITALIANS.

STELLA GRILLO REMINDS ALL THAT ITALIANS DO NOT HAVE A BIG VOTING BLOCK AS THEY ALL VOTE THEIR OWN WAY AND ARE NOT DEDICATED TO ANY PARTY AS NEED BE. THE ITALIAN AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL IS FIGHTING THE COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE CHANGE ALSO. BASIL RUSSO WAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO MEET WITH BIDEN THE PRESIDENT IS IGNORING THE OSDIA AND NOT MEETING WITH US. CONNECTICUT WILL BE PUTTING COLUMBUS DAY ON THE CALENDAR AS WELL. BEACON SCHOOL BOARD WANTED TO CHANGE HOLIDAY AS WELL. COMMITTEE FORMED TO REVIEW THE ISSUE. ROBERT AND OTHERS ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE WITH THEM AND THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTING HOLIDAYS ALREADY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

SOUTHAMPTON SD:

JOAN TUTT CALLED JOHN FRATTA AND SAID THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AT IT AGAIN. A LETTER WAS SENT AND STILL NO HOLIDAYS ARE ON THE CALENDAR. ELEANOR GOT A CALENDAR FROM THE LI VETS HOME AND COLUMBUS DAY WAS REPLACED WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY AND GERI SAID THAT THE CALENDAR WAS DONE IN ERROR AND THE DIRECTOR THERE IS VERY UPSET AND FRED SGANGA SAID IT WAS A MISTAKE AND WILL BE CORRECTED. SEWANHAKA SCHOOLS CALENDAR HAS BOTH COLUMBUS DAYS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ON THERE ALSO. JANIS WILL SPEAK TO HER PASTOR ON THIS ALSO.

LUNCHEON:

ELEANOR UPDATED THAT THE LUNCHEON WAS POSTPONED AND VERDIS UNDERSTOOD WHY AND WE HAVE MONEY AND WILL REFUND IF REQUESTED AS WELL. VERDIS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL. JOURNAL ADS ARE IN AND NO REFUNDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. WE HAD 18 CENTERPIECES SPONSORS FOR THE AFFAIR. WE WILL ASK THE HONOREES AFTER JULY IF THAT WORKS. ELEANOR WILL SPEAK TO THEM ALSO.

LITERATURE/STORAGE:

KEITH WILSON REPORTS LITERATURE AND BROCHURES ARE BEING UPDATED AND PRINTED SO WE CAN GIVE OUT FOR FALL TIME FRAME. WE CAN PUT VHS TAPES ON CSJ WEBSITE AND CONVERTED TO DVD AND PUT ON WEBSITE. JOHN WILL REVIEW THE BROCHURE AND REPLACE DORMANT COMMITTEES. KEITH ELEANOR AND MARIANNE PRINCE WILL REVIEW BROCHURE AND REPORT TO JOHN ON CHANGES.

DABBENE ESSAY CONTEST:

GERI REPORTS THAT CHANGES ARE INCORPORATED AND WILL BE OUT IN THE FALL TIMEFRAME. JUDGES ARE FROM DIST 1 AND WE NEED TO GET MORE INVOLVED JUDGES TO GET MORE INTEREST FOR THE PROGRAM AS WELL. GERI GIVES JUDGES TEN DAYS TO JUDGE ESSAYS AND THEN REPORT BACK TO HER. SOME DISTRICTS WILL GET JUDGES IN PLACE FOR COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED COMPLETELY.

BELLA LINGUA REPORT:

ELEANOR READ A REPORT FROM MARYANN RISPOLI AND HER UPDATES FOR THE COMMITTEE. SHE SENT OUT A COVER LETTER FOR THE BELLA LINGUA AWARD WITH NEEDED INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

LIASONS NEEDED:

ROBERT WILL TRY TO GET A LIASON FROM DIST. 5 AND NEXT MONTH WILL REPORT BACK. JOANNE ALFONSO WILL TRY AS WELL. ROMANESQUE LODGE WILL BE ASKED ALSO.

DISTRICTS REPORTS:

1 NO REPORT

2 KEITH REPORTS ON RECENT MEETING AND IDEA ABOUT A ITALIAN CULTURAL DAY FOR THE OSDIA.

3 NO REPORT

4 JOANNE A REPORTS THAT ALL UP TO DATE THANKS TO ROBERT

5 NO REPORT

6 LISA REPORTS ALL GOING WELL AND HER LODGE WILL HAVE A NEW SLATE.

7 NO REPORT

8 NO REPORT

****GOOD WELFARE:**

ELEANOR ASKS FOR \$200.00 AD FOR GOLDEN LION JOURNAL PASSED.

GERI WELCOMED JOHN BACK AND HOPE HE FEELS OK QR CODE BEING SET UP BY BOB AND PAY PAL WILL NOT WORK FOR US DUE TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS NEEDED.

KEITH MOVES TO SET UP QR CODE ACCOUNT FOR DONATIONS SECONDED BY JOANNE ALFONSO. PASSED. JOANNE WELCOMED JOHN AND GOOD TO SEE HIM. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WISHED HIM WELL. MARIANNE PRINCE REPORTS THAT WE MAY WANT TO REACH OUT TO THE PORTGUESE COMMUNITY IN MINEOLA FOR SUPPORT OF OUR CAUSES. SHE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THEM FOR SUPPORT. MONTESOURRI SCHOOLS MAY OR MAY NOT TEACH ITALIAN. SOME ARE K-12 SCHOOLS AS WELL. LISA S GLAD TO SEE JOHN AROUND AND WORKING AGAIN IN GOOD HEALTH. ED B REPORTS THAT HIS COMMITTEE WILL HELP JOHN IF NEEDED.

ROBERT F SAID GREAT TO SEE JOHN UP AND AROUND AND ALL GOING WELL AND WILL KEEP JOHN IN PRAYERS. ROBERT FEELS WE ARE THE BEST AND SUPPORT IS GREAT. JOHN F GIVES THANKS TO ELEANOR FOR FILLING IN WHILE HE WAS LAID UP. THANKS TO ALL ON BOARD FOR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS. JOHN SAYS GOD IS GREAT AND KEEP MOVING AND CHEMO WILL BE FINE AND HE WILL BE OK.
NEXT MEETING WED. APRIL 5 2023.

MINUTES TAKEN BY

**KEITH WILSON
REC SECTY
CSJ EXEC BOARD**