

NYS CSJ EXEC BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 10 2023
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 OPENING RITUAL WAS
HELD.

THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **B ISGRO JR**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **K WILSON**
- **J GROVE**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **R GRAHAM**
- **T ROTOLI**
- **L SERAFINI**
- **M PRINCE**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **V MARMORALE**

ALL OTHERS WERE EXCUSED.

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED.

THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE TO BE READ

- **TREASURY REPORT:**

G. GRAHAM REVIEWED ATTACHED REPORT WITH HIGHLIGHTS AS NEEDED. APRIL

BALANCE \$34,434.67 OPENING

ENDING BALANCE: **\$16,642.01**

CHECKBOOK AND ACCOUNTS ARE IN BALANCE.

COLUMBUS ACCOUNT: \$2438.53

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE TOTAL \$22,678.34.

WELLS FARGO ACCOUNT BALANCE 3-31-23: 113,420.53

BRUNCH HAS 10,665.00 IN RESERVE BALANCE WHEN RESCHEDULED.

QR CODE IS OUT THERE FOR DONATIONS AS NEEDED PER BOB GRAHAM.

ACCPEATED AS PRESENTED.

- **F.S. REPORT:**

J. GROVE ALL RECONCILED WITH TREASURER AND ALL IN SYNC AS NEEDED.

BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR.

\$45,350.00 IS TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET WITH 100 PEOPLE FOR THE LUNCHEONIF WE CAN

GET THOSE NUMBERS UP. WE MAY HAVE A SHORTFALL OF **\$13,000.00** BUDGET OVER

BUDGET IF WE CONDUCT ALL PROGRAMS AS WE WOULD NEED TO. GL OFFICER RENT IS

THE LARGEST CHARGE WE HAVE TO DATE FOR RENT PROGRAM. GL RENT CAN BE

DROPPED OFF TO \$6,000.00 PER BIAGIO ISGRO JR. K WILSON MOVES TO ACCEPT REPORT

SECONDED BY TONY ROTOLI AND PASSED.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

J FRATTA UPDATES ON THE MATTERS AT HAND AS FOLLOWS:

- **ATTY. GENERAL MEETING:**

JOHN AND ROBERT AND A. VIVOLO MET WITH THE ATTY. GENERAL AND SHE WILL REVIEW THE HATE CRIME REQUEST AGAINST COLUMBUS STATUES WITH VANDALISM. JOHN FEELS WE NEED TO OUTREACH TO OTHER GROUPS AND NOT JUST ITALIANS FOR THIS ITEM. DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE BOARD MEMBERS AGREED. A LETTER WAS SUGGESTED TO BE WRITTEN FOR ALL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR. ROBERT FEELS OUTREACH IS GOOD AND MAYBE HOLD A ZOOM MEETING WITH ALL GROUPS.

LEGISLATION NEEDS TO BE WRITTEN READY TO GO BEFORE THE OUTREACH. WE NEED TO STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT AND READY TO GO. ***ROBERT REPORTS THAT NEW JERSEY WILL RESTORE THE STATUE IN THAT AREA AND THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY WILL PAY THE BILL FOR THE RESTORATION AFTER VANDALISM.*** JOANNE GROVE WILL REACH OUT TO THE IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY. CARMINE FEDERICO UPDATES ON THE SYRACUSE ISSUE NOT MUCH TO REPORT ON THE APPEAL YET AS THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT. HE THANKED US FOR THE ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WE DONATED FOR THE CAUSE THERE.

- **CULTURAL DAY:**

KEITH W WILL SEND OUT AN EMAIL FOR ALL INTERESTED TO JOIN A CULTURAL COMMITTEE FOR OUR OWN HOFSTRA TYPE DAY AND FORM A SUB COMMITTEE TO DO THIS AS WELL.

- **BREAKFAST FOR COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND:**

JOHN MENTIONS THAT PETROSINO SOCIETY RUNS THIS AND IS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT. WE WILL ASK NY GL FOUNDATION TO LOOK AT A DONATION FOR THIS.

- **SCHOOL CALENDARS:**

KEITH WILSON MENTIONS THAT WE WILL REVIEW AT THE DISTRICT 2 CSJ MEETING.

- **HOLOCAUST:**

V. MARMORALE PRESENTED AT MOLLOY COLLEGE AND THE GMM THIS PAST SUNDAY THANKS TO MARIANNE PRINCE AND UGUAGLIANZA LODGE IN JUNE TO PRESENT JUNE 20 AT THEIR MEETING IN RESTAURANT FRATELLIS. NEW BOOK HAS COME OUT ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST AND PIUS XII AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE. VINCE WILL GET THE BOOK AND REVIEW AS NEEDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

- **DIST. LIASONS:**

JOHN THANKED MARIANNE PRINCE FOR GETTING UGUAGLIANZA LODGE TO GET US A DIST 3 REP FOR CSJ. JOHN WILL REACH OUT TO GIANNINI LODGE FOR A REP AS WELL. CAPADANNO LODGE. SANTA MARIA IS IN SUSPENSION SO WE NEED TO GET THEM AS WELL FOR A REP. FOR DIST 3 AS WELL. KEITH WILL COMPILE A LIST OF DIST. LIASONS FOR ALL TO HAVE IF NEED BE. RPBERT WILL CONTACT DIST 5 FOR A REP FROM THAT DIST.

- **BELLA LINGUA:**

M RISPOLI MENTIONS THAT DIST 1,2,4,7 AND 8 PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR AND WE HAVE 40 PEOPLE COMING FOR MAY 18 IN DIST 2 AWARDS. GERI GRAHAM HAD 15 PARTICIPANTS AND 27 IN DIST 2 WAS A GREAT TURNOUT.

- **DABBENE CONTEST:**

G GRAHAM REPORTS THAT THE INFO WILL GO OUT IN JULY FOR DISSEMINATION FOR SEPT 9 DEADLINE FOR PROGRAM. SHE WOULD LIKE JUDGES FROM OTHER DISTRICTS TO HELP WITH THAT PART OF THE PROJECT.

- **WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/QR CODE DONATIONS:**

BOB GRAHAM REPORTS THAT QR CODE IS UP AND SOME GET A TY LETTER FOR THEIR DONATIONS. MANUAL TY EMAIL WILL GO OUT ASAP RIGHT NOW FROM BOB AS NEEDED. USER NAME AND PASSWORDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT BY BOB AS NEEDED TO JOHN, KEITH AND THE GRAND LODGE. BOB HAS SECURITY CODE ON CELL PHONE. TWO FACTOR VERIFICATION WILL BE USED AS NEEDED. MONEY STAYS IN ACCOUNT AS WHEN WE WANT TO TRANSFER AS NEEDED WHICH IS A GOOD CONTROL FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS. 3 DAYS TO TRANSFER AS NEEDED. FACEBOOK POSTS STILL NOT ABLE TO GET QR CODE ON THERE DUE TO NATIONAL HAVING SET UP THE PAGE. CARLY SET IT UP AND SHE LEFT THE NATIONAL OFFICE AS THE ADMINSTRATOR.

- **LIBRARY DISPLAYS:**

ALL LIASONS SHOULD BE ASKED TO SET UP A LIBRARY DISPLAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. MEDAL OF HONOR DISPLAY CAN BE USED FOR UPSTATE AS WELL.

- **DIST CHAIRS:**

DIST 1 G. GRAHAM DABBENE AND NEXT MEETING SOON

DIST 2 K. WILSON REPORTS NEXT MEETING MAY 18 AT AMERICAN LEGION SEAFORD

DIST 3 NO REPORT

DIST 4 NO REPORT

DIST 5 NO REPORT

DIST 6 LISA S. REPORTS ITALIAN AMERICAN LEGISLATORS IN ALBANY DAY TO BE HELD AND SHE WILL ADVISE ALL AS NEEDED. MAY 22 IS THE DAY FOR THIS EVENT. SHE ASKED FOR A FORM LETTER FOR SCHOOLS THAT CHANGED THE COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY ON THEIR CALENDARS. BIAGIO MENITONS THAT WE CONTACT THE LEGISLATORS AS NEEDED AND OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS AS NEEDED FOR SUPPORT. HATE CRIME LEGISLATION WILL BE IMPORTANT TO GET PASSED

DIST 7 C FEDERICO UPDATE GIVEN ALREADY AND BELLA LINGUA CHECK RECEIVED AND HE WILL SET UP PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR AWARDS AND ALL GOING WELL. LETTER SENT BY CARIMINE FOR JOHN TO REVIEW FROM SYRACUSE CITY FOR THE COLUMBUS ISSUE.

NATIONAL CSJ ROBERT SAID ALL GOOD

ELEANOR REMINDS ALL WALK A THON MAY 20 CONVENTION DISPLAY WILL BE HELPFUL AS WELL.

BIAGIO ISGRO JR. ADDRESSED THE CSJ BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

CONVENTION PREPARATION AND BY LAWS WILL BE ON THE PLATE AT CONVENTION. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND BRING SOME EXCITEMENT BACK TO PROGRAMS AND GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES AS NEEDED. GOOD GROUP OF OFFICERS COMING IN AND LOOKNIG FORWARD TO IT AND ASKS ALL TO KEEP MICHELE IN OUR PRAYERS. TONY ROTOLI ASKED FOR \$100.00 PER BOX FOR STW BOARD FROM CSJ. BIAGIO MENTIONS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE DATE OF THE CSJ LUNCHEON MAYBE IN THE MONTH OF MAY FOR 2024. PLEASE LOOK AT THIS WHEN SCHEDULING THE DAYS AS NEEDED. VERDIS HAS THE DEPOSIT AND WE CAN GIVE A THEM AS DATE AS NEEDED. WE HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS. JUNE 13 IS NEXT MEETING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM

MINUTES TAKEN BY KWILSON REC SECTY.

