

NYS CSJ EXEC. BOARD MEETING
JULY 11 2023
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY CSJ CHAIRMAN JOHN FRATTA. THE PRAYER WAS LED BY KEITH WILSON AND THE PLEDGE AND MOS WERE HELD THE ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- **J FRATTA**
- **K WILSON**
- **E JOBBAGY**
- **J GROVE**
- **G GRAHAM**
- **R GRAHAM**
- **M PRINCE**
- **V MARMORALE**
- **J PARAZELLI**
- **M RISPOLI**
- **E BOCHYNSKI**

THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED. COMMUNICATIONS WERE THE NEW DIRECTORY THAT WAS UPDATED AND SENT OUT BY THE SECTY.

TREASURY REPORT:

G GRAHAM REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

ALL BALANCES ARE IN SYNC AT \$14,953.14 IN THE ACCOUNTS. \$796.55 IN DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS AS WELL.

GERI REVIEWED THE MONTHLY ACTIVITY FOR THE CHECKING ACCOUNTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY WITH THE COLUMBUS ACCOUNT. THERE IS MONEY EARMARKED FOR THE CSJ LUNCHEON ALSO. JOHN ASKED ABOUT THE \$300.00 REMBURSEMENT THAT WAS DUE US FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR A FAMILY IN HARLEM THAT JOHN HELPED. CHECK WILL BE SENT BY GINA TO THE CSJ TREASURER.

DIST BALANCES:

1 914.73

2 2121.97

3 826.55

DIST 3 WILL SEND OUT A DONATION REQUEST FOR LODGE DONATIONS AS WELL. LISA AND KEITH MOVE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT AND PASSED.

F/S REPORT:

J GROVE HAS CONFIRMED THE BALANCE WITH THE TREASURER AND WE HAVE A DEFICIT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER. WE RAISED \$6,000.00 AT CONVENTION. WE MAY GET NEW LAPEL PINS FOR THE CSJ AS SUGGESTED BY ED B FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE. REPORT ACCEPTED BY ED B AND ELEANOR PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JOHN F REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER POSTED TWITTER POLL AND POSTED IN NEWSPAPERS AS WELL. HER EXAMPLE WAS COMPARING ITALIANS TO CANNOLIS AND ESPRESSO MACHINE AND OTHER DEROGATORY COMMENTS AS WELL. A LETTER WAS SENT FROM THE NATIONAL CSJ AND DEMANDED AN APOLOGY. JOHN WILL FORWARD BOARD THE LETTER SENT.

SYRACUSE:

THE FIGHT GOES ON WITH PRESERVING THE COLUMBUS STATUE. BLACKISH PROGRAM IS PROMOTING NEGATIVE STEREOTYPE AGAINST COLUMBUS AS WELL. ANDY ILLIANO PUT THIS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. ED REPORTS THAT THEY ARE OFF NETWORK TV AND THE RATINGS WERE LOW ON THIS PROGRAM ONLY IN SYNDICATION ALSO. WE STILL NEED BIG MONEY TO FIGHT THE MEDIA AND HOLLYWOOD ATTACKS.

PHILADELPHIA:

THE LAWSUIT WAS WON TO KEEP THE STATUE AND NOW THE FEDERAL LAWSUIT IS THERE FOR THE KEEPING OF THE HOLIDAY AND NOT CHANGING THE DAY AS WELL. DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE CSJ MONEY NEEDED AND HOW TO RAISE AS WELL AS THE REPORTS THAT SHOULD BE MADE AT LOCAL LODGE LEVEL MEETINGS AND THE LODGE MEETING AGENDA SHOULD INCLUDE THE CSJ REPORT. ACADEMIA IS THE WORST ENEMY WE HAVE IN THE COLUMBUS ISSUE AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES.

BOOK REVIEW FOR THE CSJ

LISA AND ALISON WILL CO CHAIR THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK AS HERITAGE BOOKS AKIN TO US AND LET US KNOW WHAT THEY HIGHLIGHT AND THEIR TAKE ON THE COLUMBUS ISSUE AS WELL. WE CAN DO AN ARTICLE ON THE BOOK IN THE GOLDEN LION AND ITALIAN TRIBUNE ALSO. LISA REPORTS THAT THE HERO BOOK AS REVIEWED BY THEM AND THEY WILL SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE COLUMNS.

STORAGE UNIT:

KEITH UPDATES ON MATERIALS WE HAVE AND THEY ARE AT THE OFFICE AND GARAGE AS NEEDED AS WELL AS THE MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS DISPLAYS THAT WE NOW HAVE. ALL GOOD ON THINGS NEEDED.

SHARE THE WEALTH:

ELEANOR REPORTS THAT WE HAVE THE BOARD GOING WITH AN INQUIRY MADE ABOUT THE WAY NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED WHO PAY FOR THE BOXES. WE WILL NOT SELL AT THE PLENARY SESSION AS TO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE STW AT PLENARY. TONY WILL TRY TO LET US KNOW WHAT NUMBERS WERE SOLD.

HOLOCAUST REPORT:

V. MARMORALE REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE AS LOGGIA GC IN AUGUST TO PRESENT HIS 36 MINUTE FILM AND SPEAK THERE ALSO. THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAGAZINE REPORTED ON PIUS XII AND THE HOLOCAUST AS WELL THAT VINCE AND ROBERT PUBLISHED.

CSJ LUNCHEON:

THIS WILL BE SUNDAY MARCH 17 AT VERDIS AND FROM 11-3 PM. DEPOSIT WILL BE APPLIED AND WE CAN USE THIS AS WELL. \$52.00 PER PERSON IS OUR COST. 61 PEOPLE ARE PAID ALREADY ALSO. PRICE BEING CHARGED IS \$75.00 PER PERSON. JOURNAL IS BEING HANDLED BY MARIANNE P AND WE HAVE ADDS THAT NEED TO BE UPDATED AS WELL. ED SUGGESTS THAT WE HAVE COLUMBUS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF ALL OUR JOURNALS. WE WILL NOT TAKE AND IN KIND ADDS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT DO NOT SUPPORT US ON COLUMBUS DAY ISSUE AND ARE AGAINST US.

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BOB GRAHAM REPORTS ON THE COLUMBUS WEBSITES WE GAVE FROM WHNE LOU GALLO WAS ALIVE AND WE SHOULD REVIEW THEM AT COLUMBUS THETRUTH.ORG AND THE OTHER ALSO. BOB WILL LOAD ALL THE MINUTES AND FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETINGS AND THE QR CODE COULD BE BETTER AS WELL. JOHN WILL ALSO PUT HIS REPRTS ON THEIR AS WELL.

DIST CHAIRS:

1 G. GRAHAM REPORTS DIX HILLS STUDENT RECEIVED HIS AWARD AT BRUMIDI LODGE AND THERE WERE 80 PEOPLE AT THIS MEETING AND IT WAS WELL RECEIVED. THE ITALIAN TEACHER CAME TO THE CEREMONY AND THE STUDENT WROTE A PARODY OF STAR WARS IN ITALIAN. SELLARO MEETING WAS ALSO A PRESENTATION OF BELLA LINGUA.

2 K. WILSON REPRTS THAT WE WON THE EAST ROCKAWAY SCHOOL BOARD ISSUE WITH COLUMBUS DAY AND WAS VERY GLAD AS WELL AS THE BELLA LINGUA AWARD WENT VERY WELL AND WE HAD A DIST MEETING AFTER THAT AND ALL WENT WELL.

3 ANDY ILLIANO REPORTS THAT A DIST 3 MEETING WAS HELD AND ALL ENJOYED AND HE UPDATES THE FACEBOOK PAGE AND ALSO REPORTS THAT A OREGON SCHOOL RENAMED A SCHOOL TAKING DOWN COLUMBUS NAME ON THE SCHOOL. ANDY HAS A WEBSITE ON COLUMBUS INFORMATION AND FACEBOOK PAGE AS WELL. COLUMBUSEDPROJECT.ORG AND FACEBOOK IS SAVE COLUMBUS DAY. LOU GALLO RAN THEREALCOLUMBUS.ORG KNOWCOLUMBUS.ORG IS ANOTHER WEBSITE FOR USE AS WELL. FACEBOOK PAGE THAT WAS SET UP BY NATIONAL WE NEED TO GET ACCESS IF WE CAN. SOME FEEL WE SHOULD SET UP A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE CSJ USAGE.

6 LISA SERAFINI REPORTS THAT SHE WILL ASK LOCAL LODGES FOR LIASONS FOR DIST 6 AS NEEDED AND SHE WILL SHARE CSJ WEBSITE KEITH SUGGESTS THAT WE HAVE LINKS TO ALL THE COLUMBUS WEBSITES AND BOB GRAHAM WILL DO THIS FOR THE COMMITTEE ALSO. LISA WILL ALSO ASK THE LODGES FOR DONATIONS AS NEEDED AND DIST 6 CAN HAVE SOME SEED MONEY AS WELL. LETTER FOR GUILDERLANDS HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY LISA AS NEEDED. JOHN AND COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THIS LETTER AND POSSIBLY SOME MAY SHOW AT THE MEETINGS.

NEW BUSINESS:

ED REPORTS THAT BRUMIDI LODGE IS HAVING ITALIAN NIGHT AT YANKEE STADIUM AND MAY HAVE A BUS FROM NASSAU AS WELL.

STW BOARD IS GOING WELL AND TONY HAS 21 SOLD TO DATE. TONY WILL TAKE MONEY AS BOXES ARE SOLD AS WELL. SUMMER GET TOGETHER MAY BE HELD FOR THE CSJ BOARD LUNCHEON.

NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 8 2023 VIA ZOOM. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

MINUTES TAKEN BY KEITH WILSON REC SECTY FOR CSJ BOARD.